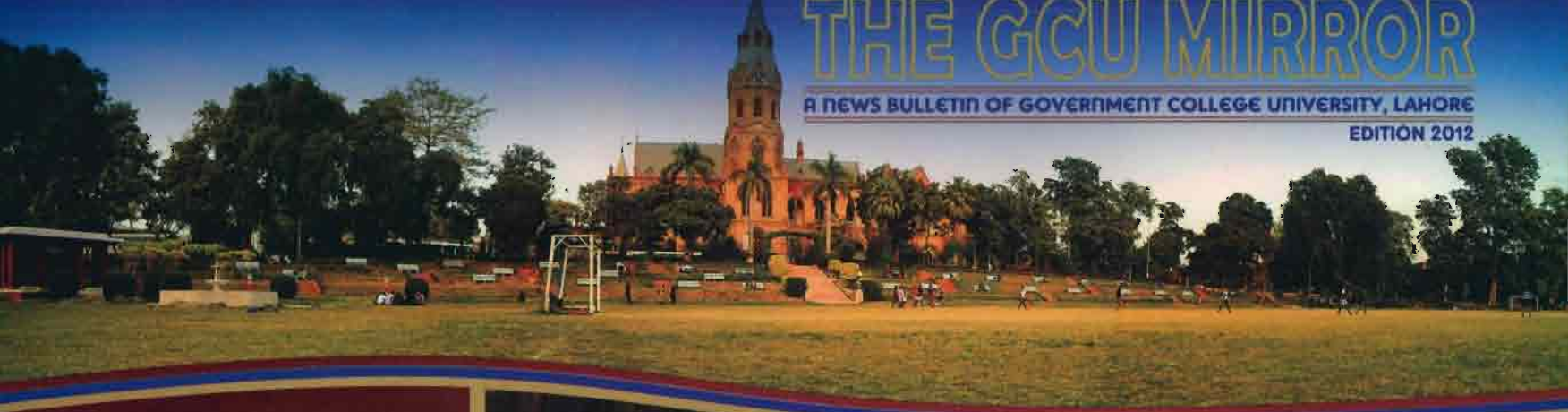

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MESSAGE FROM PATRON-IN-CHIEF

It is really exciting for me to write a few lines for the first issue of The GCU Mirror, which reflects various academic, co-curricular, and social activities going on in Government College University, Lahore. This is the oldest educational institution of northern Indo-Pak subcontinent, which was established on 1st January 1864 as Government College Lahore, and was affiliated with the Calcutta University. On 8th August 1989, Government College Lahore was awarded autonomous status in its financial and administrative affairs owing to the hectic efforts of its Principal Dr Abdul Majid Awan. This was in fact the turning point in the history of GC Lahore, which culminated into, first the degree awarding status on 16th June 1997, and then Government College University, Lahore on 10th September 2002, while Dr Khalid Aftab was the Principal.

In this prestigious institution, students hailing from divergent ethnic, sectarian and cultural backgrounds have always studied together in the most congenial atmosphere. Rich traditions of academic excellence, research, promotion of new ideas, and tolerance are imbibed in them. The old students of this University, known as Old Ravians, have made significant contributions in all spheres of life. Our national philosopher poet Allama Muhammad Iqbal, two Nobel Laureates Dr Abdus Salam and Dr Har Gobind Khorana, Moulana Muhmmad Hussain Azad, Ahmad Shah Bokhari, Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Sufi Tabssum, Ashfaq Ahmad, G.D. Sondhi, Sir Ganga Ram, Rajender Singh Bedi, Khushwant Singh, Dev Anand, Kanhaiya Lal Kapoor, Dr Samar Mubarikmand, and many others have made a mark in their fields, and glorified the name of this historical institution.

Student life in GC University is not just confined to class room teaching or laboratory work, but ample opportunities are made available for the character building and personality grooming of the students. No other Pakistani educational institution provides as many facilities for promoting co-curricular activities as we do in GC University. There are 44 societies which are actively operating at University and Departmental levels. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman has doubled the annual budget of each society to promote co-curricular activities. Side by side, the GCU Sports Board has also been made vibrant, and the achievements in the world of sports are as impressive as in the realm of academics. All said above is reflected by the contents of this issue.

In the end, I must congratulate the Vice-Chancellor on taking the initiative of publishing The GCU Mirror, a very informative news bulletin highlighting various academic, co-curricular and social activities going on in GC University, Lahore.

Muhammad Zakria Butt

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GCU CLOCK TOWER: The chairpersons of academic departments pose for a photo with Vice Chancellor Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and Dr Kadir Topbas, the Mayor of Istanbul.

First honorary doctorate degree for Istanbul Mayor

- *Dr Topbas terms degree a shining beacon of Pak-Turk relationship*
- *Announces scholarships & 15 seats for Ravians in Istanbul University*

The Government College University Lahore (GCU) this year conferred its first honorary doctorate degree upon Dr Kadir Topbas, the Mayor of Istanbul, in recognition of his services for strengthening ties between Turkey and Pakistan.

Dr Topbas said the degree conferred upon him would serve as the shining beacon of Pak-Turk cultural relationship. 'I will use it for the service of the people,' he said while speaking at the special degree-awarding ceremony chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman at varsity`s Bukhari Auditorium, while Education Minister and Old Ravian Mian Mujtaba Shuja-ur-Rahman was also present.

GCU BUKHARI AUDITORIUM: Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman presents honorary doctorate degree to Dr Kadir Topbas, the Mayor of Istanbul. Education Minister Mujtaba Shujaur Rahman is also present.

The Istanbul mayor announced that every year, 15 students from GCU would be accommodated in Istanbul University to pursue higher studies, while they would also provide scholarships of $6,000 to $9,000 to students of various Pakistani universities for studying in Istanbul.

Dr Topbas said the modern age was all about knowledge and universities were the places where knowledge was shaped, hence more investment should be done in universities and research.

He stressed that the research papers produced by scholars in universities should not be left to rot; rather they should devise solutions for problems faced by people in society.

He said Lahore and Istanbul were ancient cities with great potential and they would like to share everything, they were doing for development of Istanbul, with Lahore. He said Turkey was the 15th biggest economy of the World and resolved that it would be among the top 10 within next couple of years.'Turkey will continue its collaboration with Pakistan in energy, solid waste management and transport sectors,' he assured.

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> **Dr Kadir Topbas**

> ***"GCU has undertaken collaborative research projects with the Turkish universities which resulted in publication of 66 research articles in reputed international journals."***
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Thanking the GCU administration, Dr Topbas said, "I really feel privileged and honoured to become alumni of such an esteemed university which has produced nobel laureates, men of letters, prime ministers and scientists."

GCU VC Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said Pakistan had always cherished a very warm association with Turkey. He said the GCU had undertaken collaborative research projects with several Turkish universities, which resulted in the publication of 66 research articles in international journals.

He said Turkey had progressed because it was spending more than four percent of its GDP on education, while under-developed countries were spending less than 0.46 percent of their GDP on education. Prof Rahman stressed initiating student and faculty exchange programmes between the universities of Pakistan and Turkey to strengthen educational ties. Mian Mujtaba Shujaur Rahman welcomed Dr Topbas on joining the Ravians fraternity. Earlier, in a traditional style, the Dean Faculty of Social Sciences presented Dr Topbas to the Vice Chancellor for awarding him honorary doctorate degree. The Vice Chancellor and Education Minister dressed the Mayor with traditional GCU robe. It may be mentioned that Dr Topbas has already earned a PhD in `architectural history` from Istanbul University following his education of theology in 1972 and architecture in 1974. He has also taught architecture in various renowned universities of Turkey.

AMPHITHEATRE: Indian Old Ravians along with Vice Chancellor Prof Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman address a press conference upon their arrival at GCU.

Pre-partition alumni from India visit GCU

- *Say people-to-people contact between Pakistan and India should increase to normalise relations*
- *In 1950s, 70% to 80% bureaucracy in Pakistan and India comprised of Ravians: Maj-Gen (r) Datta*
- *It's always nostalgic to return where I have spent best time of my life: Maj-Gen (r) S N Talwar*
- *50 Indian Old Ravians are in contact with ORU Delhi chapter: Wing Commander (r) Iqbal Singh*

A 12-member delegation of pre-partition alumni from India this year arrived in Lahore via Wagah Border on a five-day visit to their alma mater, Government College University, Lahore. Eminent personalities of India were part of the delegation which included Maj-Gen (r) Jaidev Singh, Maj-Gen (r) Surinder Nath Talwar, Iqbal Singh, Mrs Moina Cheema, Pran Neville and Mr Luthra.

A delegation of Old Ravians Union (ORU), led by Honorary Secretary Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt, accorded a warm welcome to the Indian delegation at Wagah Border.

Dr Khalid Manzoor receives Indian Old Ravians at Wagah Border.

Addressing a press conference at GCU, former Indian Wing Commander Iqbal Singh said "demilitarisation at Siachen is possible and there is a growing feeling among army men as well that people-to-people contact between Pakistan and India should increase to normalise relations and move towards development at a faster pace."

Mr Singh said the Gayari sector avalanche tragedy was big and it must never be repeated. "My message is that both countries should help each other and become friends. Like civilians, army men also feel that people-to-people contact should be increased but they cannot express this feeling publically," he said. Mr Singh said he had visited GCU in 2004 and 2005 and always wanted to come here because "we had spent a good time of our life here". Stating that he was at Government College during 1942-46, he said, "We had great living memories of this college and the games at Oval". In all, he said, there were around 50 living old Ravians in Delhi who were in contact with ORU Delhi Chapter.

Oldest among the delegation was former Maj-Gen (r) Jaidev Singh Datta who said old Ravians always wanted that relations between Pakistan and India should normalise and become friendly. He said in 1950s almost 70 to 80 percent bureaucracy in Pakistan and India comprised of Ravians. Gen Datta said now he could see many girls in the university. "During my time at GC, there were only two girls in my class including former principal G.D Sondhi's daughter," he said. Moina Cheema, the wife of Old Ravian Amer Singh Cheema and sister of Wing Commander Iqbal Singh, said it was a home-like feeling as they were in Lahore. "Last time, I had visited GCU with my husband and he had showed me his room in the college hostel. It was quite nostalgic to come here," she said. In Lahore, she added, she used to study at Sacred Heart School. Maj-Gen S N Talwar (retired) said it was always nostalgic to return where one had spent the best time of one's life. He said that he could still remember many hockey matches at Oval, where referee's whistles3 were heard through the matches.

Old Ravians mourn Dev Anand's death

The Old Ravians Union expressed grief over the demise of legendary actor and Old Ravian Dev Anand. Dev had graduated in English Literature from the Government College, Lahore in the early 1940s. He was proud to be an Old Ravian and at many occasions in his life, he expressed love for his alma mater. People from all walks of life, including politicians and students condoled over the death of the Indian actor. The Old Ravian fans of Dev Anand expressed grief over his death through their statuses on Facebook also, terming him as one of the best actors of his time. Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif said that Dev Anand was not only a popular artist but he was among his friends also, adding that he had a number of memorable meetings with Dev Anand. Nawaz said that he and Anand were both Old Ravians and he wished that Anand would come to Lahore again and the two would refresh their memories of the Government College. However, life did not give him time for the reunion, Nawaz added. Dev Anand was born in Narowal, the eastern city of Pakistan in 1923.

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Old Ravians' reminiscence of their alma mater

- *Pre-partition alumni from India attend the annual reunion*
- *Dr Samar calls upon govt to grant GCU funds for KSK Campus*
- *VC appeals Old Ravians to help GCU deserving students*

GCU OVAL: Dr Samar Mubarikmand presents a souvenir to Indian Old Ravian Maj-Gen (r) SN Talwar and his wife.

India and Pakistan need to bury the hatchet and take a giant leap towards peaceful co-existence. We can neither choose nor change our neighbours. Won't it be better if we live peacefully? It was stated by eminent nuclear scientist and Old Ravians Union (ORU) President Dr Samar Mubarikmand at the biggest annual reunion of ORU at the GCU Oval where pre-partition alumni from across the border were the guests of honour. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the reunion which was attended by hundreds of ambassadors, bureaucrats, journalists, industrialists and politicians from all over the country including former Lahore High Court chief justice Khwaja Muhammad Sharif, Punjab Education Minister Mian Mujtaba Shuaja-ur-Rahman, provincial minister Nadeem Kamran, senior bureaucrat Kamran Lashari, Punjab DG Protocol Asjad Ghani, University of Education VC Prof Dr Fiazul Hassan and Lahore Board Chairman Nasrullah Virk. Dr Samar said institutions like GC were the nurseries that reared top-notch scientists who went on to make Pakistan's nuclear and missile programmes successful. "It is incumbent upon the government to pay special attention towards the preservation and progress of such nurseries. The Punjab government and HEC should generously provide funds for the establishment of GCU's new campus at Kala Shah Kaku," said the scientist who is also ORU president. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said in this age of cut-throat competition, the institution had been in a dire need of financial resources to keep up pace with its rivals in the private sector. "Your alma mater requires your support to expand its functions in different domains, besides strengthening the existing facilities," he said. Punjab Education Minister Mian Mujtaba Shujaur Rahman announced that the government would soon release funds for establishment of a swimming-pool at the GC University Lahore Sports Complex.

Former ORU president Kamran Lashari said that Old Ravians remembered their alma mater not because of their degrees but due to the values, morals and confidence that the Government College Lahore taught them.

ORU cancels music concert

The Old Ravians Union this year cancelled their annual music concert due to a national tragedy of an air crash in which 127 people lost their lives. The music programme was scheduled in connection with the annual reunion of Old Ravians. Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Dr Samar Mubarikmand and Indian Old Ravians expressed deep condolences on the sad demise of 127 Pakistanis in air crash. In their message to the bereaved families, Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and Dr Samar prayed to the Almighty Allah to bless the departed souls in eternal peace and grant courage to the deceased's families to bear irreparable loss.

Pak-China friendship is warm & sweet: Chinese students

A 30-member delegation of students and teachers from Chinese universities visited the GC University, Lahore. The Chinese delegation, led by Southwest University of Political Science and Law Chairman Zhang Guolin and Tsinghua University Vice Chancellor Li Xiguang, discussed with VC Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and Punjab Secretary Higher Education Dr Ijaz Munir policies of the Punjab government regarding education and academic setup of Pakistani universities. Chinese students says "we have been listening about the friendship with Pakistan since our childhood but we never tasted it. However, now we know it's warm and sweet." They said they would go back and tell other students about the culture and universities of Pakistan.

Art of hospitality be learnt from Pakistanis: Indian scouts

Musical, cultural and drama performances enthralled the visiting delegation of 200 Indian scouts at a special cultural evening "Camp Fire" organised by the GCU Rovers Club at the university's Bukhari Auditorium. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman was the Chief Guest at the evening which was marked by musical compositions, folk tunes, cultural dances, peace songs, skits and Urdu symbolic play "Deewar". The Indian scouts also performed at the Camp Fire. Talking to media, the Indian scouts said that the art of hospitality must be learnt from Pakistanis.

Partition doesn't mean severing ties: Bangladeshi students

Partition doesn't mean severing ties. Pakistan and Bangladesh are brother countries and they will continue to be, said Bangladeshi students during their visit to the GC University, Lahore where they also met with Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman. The 20-member delegation, led by Prof Dr Abul Khair, was comprised of social sciences students from various universities of Bangladesh. The delegation visited GCU Naqoosh Museum, Sports Complex, Postgraduate Library and Nazir Ahmad Music Society where they enjoyed a musical performance by the GCU students.

SEMINAR: GOVERNANCE & SOCIAL SECTOR PROGRESS

'GCU is a natural forum for Indo-Pak peace'

- *Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar says political will is needed to implement laws*
- *Lauds Shahbaz' initiatives and vows to introduce similar reforms in Bihar*
- *Pakistan and India must move forward for peace: Shahbaz*

The post-partition generations have had nothing to do with the skeletons of partition. All we need to learn from our national history is that rather than fighting with each other, India and Pakistan must learn to live in peace and harmony. Yes, we need to wage war against poverty, ignorance, disease and corruption. Nitish Kumar, the Chief Minister of Bihar, India, expressed these views at a seminar on governance and social sector progress held at the Government College University, Lahore where he was invited as the Chief Guest. Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Punjab Planning & Development Department Chairman Javed Aslam and the members of Punjab Assembly and senior bureaucrats were also present. "I sincerely believe that Government College, Lahore is a natural forum to foster ties between the two countries since renowned Indians like Dev Anand, Bulraj Sahni, Kamini Koshal, Kanaheya Lal Kapoor, Khushwant Singh, Pran Nevel and many others have all been the alumni of GC. They and their Pakistani peers can inject sense into our hawks and make them convinced that it is love that conquers all and that hatred serves no purpose," Nitish Kumar said.

He said political will was needed to implement laws which would lead to pursue cases against criminals and ultimately convictions.

Nitish Kumar said he was greatly impressed by the youth-oriented development programme of Shahbaz and would introduce similar reforms in his province as well. He saluted Shahbaz Sharif for his successful policies.

Addressing the seminar, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said like Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, he had also transformed his province through good governance, merit transparency and determination. "As Mr Kumar is a socialist I am an Islamic socialist," he added.

Shahbaz said before Mr Kumar, corruption and cronyism were rampant in Bihar as Punjab was being plundered through corruption before the PML-N rule.

He said Pakistan and India must move forward for peace and amity to resolve their mutual issues by promoting bilateral relations through negotiations.

He alleged that taxpayers' money was looted in the name of development projects by cronies of former dictator Gen Musharraf while secret fund worth Rs300 million was also embezzled. He said the cronies, contractors and concerned departments made an unholy alliance to loot the national exchequer. However, he claimed that now no political interference was being made in any sector nor he tolerated it as "all matters are now being performed in a transparent manner." Shahbaz said people were sick of incompetent rulers due to their alleged corruption, load-shedding and bad governance. "General elections are quite near and now people will elect honest, determined and committed leadership which will solve their problems."

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman talks to journalists about his vision for GCU.

GCU academia feels whiff of empowerment

The Government College University, Lahore is taking a breath of fresh air with the appointment of new Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, who has practically empowered all departments' chairpersons, deans and provided an enabling environment to students for their all-round growth. The university students, who had been complaining of suppression and monitoring up to the level of recce, are being allowed to express themselves without any hesitation. The students are not only visiting the vice-chancellor's office regularly but are also in touch with him on Facebook. In order to lessen financial burden on university hostels' residents, the new vice-chancellor drastically lowered hostels and mess charges after analysing that the respective management was earning 'huge' profit and piling up its resources.

He said he would also make students' tuition fee realistic as soon as the university would start receiving funds from the Higher Education Commission as promised. VC Prof Rahman discussed these issues candidly in a meeting with the Lahore Education Reporters Association (LERA) executive and general body members at varsity's syndicate room. In order to transform GCU into a world class institution, Prof Rahman said he had involved all senior faculty members and planners to plan varsity's New Campus at around 400 acres of land available at Kala Shah Kaku. On the new campus, he said, the university had plans to introduce cutting-edge technologies and modern disciplines that would start meeting the needs of the modern world in next 50 years. He said latest labs would also be set up on the new campus because the existing one had become 'landlocked' and achieved saturation in terms of expansion. Prof Rahman said the Higher Education Commission and the Punjab government would continuously be asked for release of funds because it was the state's responsibility to invest in the development of human resources. As he assumed the charge of vice-chancellor, Prof Rahman said he found university's system highly centralised. "It was centralised to the extent that the vice-chancellor himself was responsible for allowing even one-day leave to the senior faculty members," he added. Now, he said, he had started decentralising powers and empowered department's chairmen and faculties' deans to perform their duties at their respective levels instead of coming to the vice-chancellor's office for even petty issues, including those related to small finances. Similarly, at students' level, he said, an enabling environment was being provided to them. The VC said almost 44 societies being run by students were being provided with extra funding despite resource constraints. "The training imparted at societies' level would help them gain experience of artificial administration."

Resources outpaced

The Government College University, Lahore has recently organised various selection boards and inducted 60 new faculty members including two full professors to impart quality education to the students. The GCU administration also launched 20 new postgraduate academic programmes including two PhD programmes. The varsity also revived two-year master's (MA/MSc) programme in different disciplines. The GCU Academic Council and Syndicate have approved the new programmes. At the GCU Annual Staff Dinner, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman announced that he had plans to induct more assistant professors on tenure track system and those posts would be advertised this month. Dr Khaleeq claimed that the university's research output had increased by 25 per cent in international journals during the last academic year and he wished to double it in the next couple of years by implementing research-friendly policies and increasing research awards for the faculty members. He said he had doubled the research honorarium for the GCU staff for their each research paper appearing in the HEC-recognised research journals. The vice chancellor also announced giving away special cash awards to the PhD scholars and their supervisors on completion of their PhDs. He also pledged to give away scholarships to all GCU faculty members who were doing their PhDs and not taking leave from the university. He said the teaching load of such teachers would also be relaxed. "I want all teachers of the GCU to be PhDs as time is not too far when minimum condition for the appointment of a lecturer in university will be PhD," the VC added. Dr Rahman told the faculty members that the university had signed eight international collaboration agreements for research and academic developments with known universities like Bonn University, Germany and Faith University, Istanbul. He vowed that the university would not compromise on quality and rules. He urged the varsity faculty members to prepare and submit more and more research proposals at the national and international level.

Shahbaz Sharif meets ORU delegation

Punjab Chief Minister and Old Ravian Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif met with a delegation of Old Ravians Union (ORU) at his Minar-e-Pakistan Camp office. The delegation was led by ORU Secretary Dr Khalid Maznoor Butt, while Advisor to CM Zaeem Qadri, M. Cacharr and Zoraiz Lashari were also present. Shahbaz pledged to provide maximum support for the projects of his alma mater. He said GCU was a pride of Pakistan. He said he and majority of his family members had studied from this great educational institution and they had great respect and love for their alma mater.

65th Independence Day

GCU prays for prosperity of Pakistan

The Government College University, Lahore celebrated the 65th Independence Day with special prayers for prosperity of the country. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Izaz-i-Kamal, along with academic heads hoisted the national flag in GCU Bukhari Auditorium while the entire GCU faculty and staff were in attendance.

It was followed by broadcast of national anthem.

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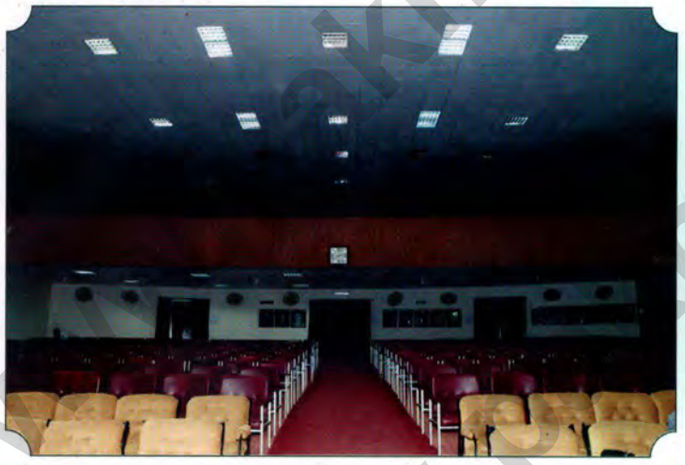
A beautiful overhead pedestrian bridge has joined the Science Block of the university with its main campus after about one century. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman made hectic efforts to convince the departments concerned regarding the need of this bridge in wake of increasing traffic on Kacheri Road which separates the two blocks of GCU. The bridge is designed in a way that it could also be used by the physically-challagned.

Bokhari Auditorium renovated after 40yrs

The Bokhari Auditorium of GC University, Lahore has been renovated after four decades to host the academic and co-curricular functions and ceremonies of quality par excellence. Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif also visited the auditorium and appreciated the efforts of Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman for initiating several development projects at GCU. Carpet, rooftop, sound system, lights and all other facilities have been upgraded at the auditorium.



Chief Minister grants five buses to GCU

Punjab Chief Minister and Old Ravian Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, to facilitate the students of his alma mater, granted five new buses to the Government College University, Lahore. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, faculty members and students of GCU expressed extreme pleasure and gratitude to Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif.

Five new generators provide 100pc power

Five new generators are installed at the Government College University, Lahore which provide hundred percent backup to the energy requirement of the university. Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that these generators were very crucial for uninterrupted working of the university's high-tech laboratories and other research and academic activities.

KSK Campus ready for development

- *400-acres campus to meet needs of modern education for next 50 years: Vice Chancellor*
- *Secretary education assures Vice Chancellor of extensive funds for KSK Campus*
- *Old Ravians request Shahbaz Sharif to grant funds for the new campus of his alma mater*

The oldest seat of liberal learning in the subcontinent, Government College University, Lahore, is all set to commence development at its Kala Shah Kaku Campus (KSK) and has requested the government to allocate funds for the project.

Punjab Secretary Higher Education Dr Ijaz Munir also visited the site for GCU KSK Campus along with Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman. GCU Campus Engineer Col (r) Bilal Ahmed and Director Facilities Yousaf Bashir were also present. Talking to the secretary higher education, Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that in order to transform GCU into a world class institution, he had involved all senior faculty members and planners to plan varsity's new campus at around 400 acres at Kala Shah Kaku. On the new campus, he said, the university had plans to introduce cutting-edge technologies and modern

disciplines that would meet the needs of the modern education for the next 50 years. He said latest labs would also be set up on the new campus because the existing campus had become 'landlocked' and achieved saturation in terms of expansion.

He said the KSK campus would provide the state-of-the-art facilities to its students and carry forward the legacy of its torch bearers in every sphere of life. The vice chancellor told the secretary higher education that with the completion of boundary wall, 400-acres of land was well acquired and roads were constructed besides guard rooms. "A 200 KVA transformer is installed with a net of complete electric supply wiring is laid and the provision for a new tube well is created alongside various other developments being made at KSK," he added.

"To lay more emphasis on security, lights with poles and cables are installed which illuminate the passage inside the campus. Construction of the main gate is also completed while side gates are made of steel with steel pillars as per GCU design," he added.

Students in the Government College University, Lahore wish that the ground breaking ceremony would be held by Chief Minister Punjab and Old Ravian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif and he may take keen interest in KSK campus development project and leave no stone unturned to ensure that his alma mater continues to produce nobel laureates, sportsmen, politicians, artists and statesman.

Vice Chancellor discusses uplift projects with Old Ravians

A delegation of eminent Old Ravians met with Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and discussed with him various development projects including new campus of GCU at Kala Shah Kaku. The delegation, comprising of ORU Secretary Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt, former inspector general Punjab Saadat Ullah Khan, former federal secretary Kazi Afaq Hossain, former minister Zia Haider Rizvi, Col (r) Rafi Nasim, former test cricketer Shafqat Rana, noted businessman Saeed Ahmed Buksh, noted columnist Ajmal Niazi, anchor Aftab Iqbal, Prof Nasreen Aftab, Col(r) Hamyun, noted historian Dr Farhat Mahmood, eminent physicist Dr M Zakria Butt and noted businessman Taha Sadaqat, appreciated the VC's concern and initiatives for development of GCU and assured him of their all-out support.

Prof Khaleeq assured the Old Ravians that traditions and historical significance of GCU would never be compromised.

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GCU & PFSA sign accord to promote forensic sciences

The Government College University, Lahore will introduce a diploma in forensic sciences for policemen and officials of other law enforcement agencies in collaboration with the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) to train cops in crime scene investigation, evidence preservation, crime mapping, fingerprints and DNA markers as well as technological and analytical techniques. It was announced at an agreement signing ceremony between PFSA and GCU for academic and research collaboration. GCU Vice Chancellor Prof (meritorious) Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and PFSA Director General Dr Ashraf Tahir signed the agreement. GCU Director Research Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Butt, Academic Planning Director Fauzia Shaheen, Chemistry Department Chairperson Prof Dr Islam Ullah Khan, MS Forensic Chemistry Coordinator Dr Akhyar Farrukh and PFSA Forensics Director Dr M Sarwar were also present. PFSA will extend practical training and other facilities for the six-month diploma which would help policemen use modern methods and technologies in nabbing outlaws and ensure effective collaboration with forensic experts and agencies. PFSA also offered to provide training to GCU faculty members for teaching and curriculum designing of the diploma.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Rahman said training of professionals involved in law enforcement would help create an enabling environment for equality, fair play, justice and rule of law. He announced GCU would soon launch BSc (Hons) and one-year postgraduate diploma in forensic sciences to produce skilled manpower for law enforcement and forensic science agencies. PFSA would provide excess to students to high-tech equipment for practical training and identify new areas of research in the subject of forensic chemistry.

He said in the four-year BSc (Hons) programme, the university would train students in wide and diverse spectrum of forensics. He said GCU was the first public university in Pakistan that initiated academic programme in forensic chemistry in 2008 and upgraded it to MS in 2009. He said GCU revised its curriculum of MS forensic chemistry in collaboration with PFSA.

Both the parties also agreed to jointly hold seminars and lectures for judges and officials of law enforcement agencies to raise awareness among them about forensic sciences.

Later, PFSA DG Dr Muhammad Ashraf Tahir and Prof Khaleeq visited the GCU Chemistry Department and inspected the high-tech facilities including Materials Chemistry Laboratory, Single Crystal X-Ray Diffractometer, HPLC LC-20T Diode Array Detector, Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometer, CHNS Elemental Analyzer and Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer.

GCU allows affiliations

The Government College University, Lahore Syndicate allowed the varsity to affiliate public and private sector colleges for bachelor and postgraduate programmes and approved affiliation rules and regulations.

"GCU takes pride in its academic excellence and through affiliation intends to share its prowess with a wide spectrum of academicians, students and researchers which is otherwise impossible due to limited space on the GCU campus," said Vice Chancellor Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman while making public the Affiliation Rules and Regulations. Prof Rahman said the university would not compromise on quality while granting affiliation to private and government educational institutions.

The GCU affiliation committee comprises a chairperson nominated by syndicate, two professors nominated by academic council, two teachers nominated by syndicate and the executive district officer (education). The GCU affiliation committee will inspect the institutions seeking affiliations in the light of 40 general rules and special conditions laid down in the affiliation rules and regulations and then recommend the case to the VC and syndicate. The university will offer affiliations to colleges at bachelors and postgraduate level in 29 disciplines.

VC Prof Rahman says the GCU affiliation rules impose special conditions regarding classrooms, offices, laboratories, computer facilities, qualification of faculty members, PhD teachers and library on institutions seeking affiliation for postgraduate programmers.

The VC said the affiliated colleges shall have to observe academic calendar of the GCU as well as follow evaluation, examination and attendance system prescribed by the university. Keeping in view its strong traditions of supporting deserving students, Prof Rahman said the GCU had made affiliated colleges bound to provide full fee concession to at least five per cent and half fee concession to at least five per cent of the enrolled students.

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Alternative Energy Laboratory established at SDSC

A state-of-the-art "Alternative Energy Laboratory" was established at GCU Sustainable Development Study Centre (SDSC) in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission for conducting advance research on renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies and their deployment on commercial level. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman inaugurated the high-tech laboratory which included indigenous weather station, solar laboratory equipped with lasers, 400 Watt Mono-crystalline solar panels, automatic solar frames, solar charge controllers, batteries bank, inverters, DC and AC Voltage and Amp meters, millimeters, portable irradiance meters and solar cell samples for comparative monitoring. Addressing the opening ceremony, GCU SDSC Director Prof Dr Aminul Haq said that from concept to commercial application, the laboratory was solely dedicated to advancing renewable energy and energy efficient technologies in Pakistan. GCU Foreign Faculty member Dr Naghman Khan, who is a PhD in Sustainable Energy from University of Nottingham UK, would lead a team of postgraduate students and researches to develop renewable energy and energy efficient technologies and would transfer knowledge and innovations to address the nation's energy and environmental goals.

Pakistan's first Urdu literature research centre

The Government College University, Lahore has established the Naqoosh Research Centre (NRC) at its Postgraduate Library in collaboration with historical literary house, Naqoosh, to promote the interest of students and researchers in Urdu literature. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman along with a large number of eminent Urdu writers and poets inaugurated the first research centre of Urdu literature established in any university of Pakistan. The research centre, equipped with an Urdu library and state-of-art reading room, is the part of GCU Naqoosh Museum that houses more than 10,000 literary letters and manuscripts of noted writers including Mirza Ghalib, Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Ehsan Danish, Saadat Hassan Minto, Akhter Sheerani, Akbar Ellah-abadi, Altaf Hussain Halli, Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi, Adda Jafferi, Ijaz Batalvi, Amrita Pritam, Hafeez Jalandri, Qudrat Ullah Shahab, Asmat Chugtai and Suffi Tabasum. All editions of famous Urdu literature magazine, Naqoosh, are also placed in the research centre. Noted Urdu critic Dr Saleem Akhtar said that other universities would also follow in GCU's footprints and establish research centres on the pattern of Naqoosh. Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that GCU had separated its research funds and accounts so that innovative projects can be funded effectively. Noted columnist Attaul Haq Qasmi said Muhammad Tufail was a legendary editor whose editorial discretion was respected by all leading writers of his time. Tufail Naqoosh announced the research, conducted at NRC, would be published by Naqoosh Publishing House every year and the revenue generated through these publications would be dedicated to GCU.

Solar Cell Applications Research Lab opened at Physics

A "Solar Cell Applications Research Lab" was established at the GCU Physics Department with the support of University of Delaware, USA. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman inaugurated the lab. Prof Dr Ismat Shah from the University of Delaware, GCU Director Research Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Butt, Prof Dr Hassan A Shah, Prof Dr Riaz Ahmad and Dr Salamat Ali were also present on the occasion. The laboratory will focus on the research in photovoltaic in general, and organic photovoltaic (OPV) in particular. GCU will also provide facilities, resources, and scientific know-how to scientist all over Pakistan to carry out research in the area of photovoltaic.

Scholarships for financially-challenged Ravians

VC disburses Rs 20m among 939 students

- Budget cuts or no funds – I will not leave my deserving students in the lurch: Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman

Scholarships worth Rs20.127 million were disbursed among the students of Government College University Lahore during 2011-12 fiscal year. In-spite of a financial crunch and budget cuts by the government, the allocations were made on special directions of Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman to encourage talented students who could not afford their academic expenses. The record amount of Rs20.127 was disbursed among 939 Ravians in a transparent manner through varsity's scholarships and financial aid committee. The scholarships of Rs16.05 million were given from the GCU budget while the remaining Rs4.077 million comprised of donations by the Old Ravians to GCU Endowment Fund Trust. Prof Rahman said every year more than 2,000 students apply for financial aid and till 2010-11 maximum 400 students were granted scholarships. "But, this year we increased the allocation for scholarships by record 150 percent and also reduced the university fee by 35 percent to facilitate students.

"Budget cuts and no funds — this is what is being done to the universities, but we can't do the same with our students who are highly talented but cannot afford their academic expenses," said the vice chancellor. The annual report also stated that during 2011-12, as many as 86 Ravians secured Rs0.249 million National Talent Scholarships, 19 others got Rs0.783 million HEC Higher Education Opportunities Scholarships while seven students received Rs35,500 from Quaid-i-Azam and Mora scholarships. Pakistan Baitul Mal also gave scholarships of Rs0.608 million to 19 Ravians, 174 others were given scholarships of Rs7.7million from the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF). In total, as many as 1,243 deserving students of GCU got scholarships of Rs29.507 million during the financial year 2011-12.

University fee slashed by 35%

VC also didn't increase fee for academic year 2011-12 & 2012-13

The GC University Lahore Vice Chancellor, Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, last fiscal year slashed the university fee by 35 percent to facilitate students. A notification of revised fee schedule was issued providing enormous financial relief to more than 8,000 students of the university from intermediate to postgraduate level. It was the first time in the 148-year history of the GC University Lahore that fee was reduced instead of being increased. Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said "the ongoing economic crunch is affecting the budgets of all public-sector universities but it does not anyway mean that the financial deficit is covered from the students." The Vice Chancellor called upon philanthropists and well-off people to come forward and help the talented students in completing their education. Prof Khaleeq hoped the government realised the importance of higher education and would increase budget for the public sector universities. The GC University Syndicate, appreciating the Vice Chancellor's concern for students, endorsed his decision of reducing the university fee.

Prof Khaleeq cuts hostels dues by 50%

Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, the Vice Chancellor of Government College University Lahore, after taking charge in July 2011 immediately slashed the university's hotels dues by 50 percent. The Hostels Committee issued the notification of revised dues for Quaid-i-Azam Hostel, New Hostel, Girls Hostel and Allama Iqbal Hostel. The GCU Vice Chancellor waived off the hostels' admission fee, miscellaneous dues and welfare funds. Chairing the meeting of GCU Hostels Committee, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof Dr Khalid Pervaiz said that it was the first time in the history of any educational institution that the fee was reduced. He said that the GCU hostels already had very nominal fee and in the wake of ongoing rocketing inflation and education budget cuts, it was fairly difficult to provide students any relief, but the Vice Chancellor took a very bold step.

Old Ravians pay tribute to Vice Chancellor

The Old Ravians Union paid glowing tribute to Government College University Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman for giving away scholarships of record amount of Rs 20 million to the university's financially challenged students. In a press statement, the union executive committee said that scholarships of that hefty amount were given to the 939 university students for the first time in the history of this great institution. The union requested old Ravians to join hands with the vice chancellor for the great cause of helping the deserving students.

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Sir Vernon Ellis visits GCU

Sir Vernon Ellis, the Chair of the British Council, has visited the Governmen College University Lahore and met with Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman at the Vice Chancellor's office. They discussed in detail matters of mutual interest including funding for various faculty development programmes. Sir Vernon Ellis highly appreciated the measures taken by the GCU vice chancellor for research and academic development and assured him of their all-out support.

EPS holds Eco Walk

Government College University, Lahore Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rehman led "Eco Walk" to raise awareness among students about the environmental protection. The walk, organised by the GCU Environment Protection Society, started from GCU Main Gate and ended at the Vice Chancellor's office. Students from all departments took part in the "ECO Walk".

Walk against drug addiction

About 700 students of the Government College University, Lahore participated in the walk and seminar organized by Ravian Forensic Society (RFS) in collaboration with the Drug Free City Lahore. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and Drug Free City Lahore Project Director Altaf Qamar led the peaceful walk on the university campus.

"Drug control mechanism in Pakistan and effects of drug-money on our socio-economic set up".

Drug addiction increasing among girls: ANF

The country.he Government College University, Lahore Chemistry Department organised a seminar on "drug control mechanism in Pakistan and effects of drug-money on our socio-economic set up". Commandant Anti Narcotics Force Brigadier Shahid Afzal was the chief guest at the seminar which was chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman Addressing the seminar, Brigadier Shahid Afzal said that drug addiction was increasing among youth especially girls at schoolS, colleges and universities level and there was a dire need to run mass awareness campaign against drugs in educational institution. The ANF chief called upon the students to avoid smoking, saying that the cigarette was the first step towards drug addiction and "Sheesha" was second. Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said Pakistan needed to promote forensic science to control drug trafficking, crime and terrorism. He said that most of the crimes remained untraced because of lack of technical expertise and scientific facilities.

He said that GCU was the first university in Pakistan to initiate post-graduate programmes in forensic chemistry and they were also taking steps to promote research in this modern discipline. He believed that the quality human resource produced by GCU would meet the need of crime investigation agencies in Pakistan.

He said drug addicts should be treated as patients and the government should work for their rehabilitation, so that they can be made useful citizens of the country.

Interview of Vice Chancellor with Pakistan Today

Making GCU a research university

Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman joined Government College University, Lahore as Vice Chancellor in July last year. He is a renowned academician and well-reputed in Physics. Dr Khaleeq, who has 37-years of teaching experience, came with a vision to GCU. Dr Khaleeq is a PhD Physics from Manchester University, UK and was Chairman/Professor (Meritorious)/Director Laser & Optronics Centre/Inchargе Nano Centre at UET while he was also the member of UET's Syndicate. Dr Khaleeq speaks exclusively with Pakistan Today about the vision he has in mind for the future of GCU. The VC said the academic world was changing. Research is becoming central in measuring the performance and contribution of a university. Pakistan Today: What is your vision for GCU? Prof Khaleeq: The challenges facing by universities across the world have changed. Universities are not only knowledge transmitters, rather they are knowledge producers. These are the lessons of the move to research in most well-known universities. Another critical development is the move to offer multi-disciplinary programs. It is my vision to transform GCU to a multi-disciplinary, research university.

Pakistan Today: So research is a priority? How do you intend to improve the research standards at the university?

VC: No doubt. Research is a priority. I am bringing modern equipment to our science labs so that we offer a conducive environment to our researchers. My similar focus is on social sciences and arts. Every department in the varsity is important and I personally visit and note all the issues.

Pakistan Today: What shall be GCU's admission policy? What is the situation of financial aid?

VC: GCU remains the institution of all classes including the poor and middle class. GCU's only admission requirement is merit. Poor students are extensively supported through the endowment fund and GCU financial scholarships. We hope to generate more donations for the endowment fund.

Pakistan Today: You are aware Pakistan has a rich tradition of student activism. What is your stance on the involvement of GCU students in political activities?

VC: Personally, I oppose the political activities of students unions. But I appreciate student societies and their role in developing a university's image. However, there are many political societies at GCU which are performing well. And, immediately after joining GCU, I have doubled the budget of these societies.

Pakistan Today: What is your appraisal of the role of the HEC in terms of its focus of faculty qualifications? Do you think faculty members must have PhDs?

VC: The HEC has played a critical role in upping the morale of universities and encouraging a culture of research. The university's of the world now recognise the research at Pakistan's university and the credit goes to HEC. The number of PhD scholars also increased due to the role taken by the HEC.

At GCU, we encourage and offer incentives to non-PhDs to obtain PhD degrees.

Pakistan Today: So what is your vision for faculty?

VC: There are two types of teachers in Pakistan's universities. One type who chooses teaching by choice. Another type who become teachers by chance.

We shall prefer those who choose the profession.

GCU produced 3,468 research papers

• Highest number of international research papers produced in 2011-12

The Government College University, Lahore produced as many as 2,304 international and more than 1,164 national research publications since its elevation as university in 2002, says a report compiled by the GCU Directorate of Planning and Development.

It is pertinent to mention here that GCU's research output remained highest in the academic year 2011-12.

The highest number of research publications came out from the Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences.

The Chemistry Department also produced 500 plus international publications.

The Physics Department published more than 200 research papers whereas, Institute of Bio-Technology and Department of Zoology successfully published about 250 research papers in international and national journals. Salam Chair, named after Nobel laureate Dr Abdus Salam, also completed the century of its research publications this year. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences did not lag behind at all, as Urdu and History departments published more than 200 international and national research papers collectively. Research work of Department of Persian and Department of Arabic/Islamic Studies with 100 research publications also remained appreciable.

Mehbub-ul-Haq Chair produced 37 international publications. Computer Science Department published 37 international publications.

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Directorate of Research, Innovation and Commercialization established

'DIRC to hone research potential of GCU'

The Government College University, Lahore established the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Commercialisation (DIRC) to hone research potential of the university. The directorate was established on a special direction of Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman after the approval by the university's Syndicate.

Eminent researcher Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Butt was appointed the first Director RIC. Prior to his current assignment, Prof Butt served Lahore Board and GCU Physics Department as chairman.

He was awarded in 1997 *Tamgha-i-Imtiaz* (Medal of Excellence) by the Government of Pakistan for his meritorious services in education sector. Prof Butt has over 90 international and 35 national research articles to his credit besides several books on the subject of Physics. He is also a recipient of Gold Medal (Physics) by the Pakistan Academy of Science, and was elected its fellow.

He was instrumental in establishing metal research laboratories and laser laboratories at the GCU Centre for Advanced Studies in Physics, as its director.

PCST honours research output of Pak scientists

13 from GCU get Research Productivity Award

The Pakistan Council for Science and Technology (PCST) released a list of scientists who are awarded "Research Productivity Awards 2011-12". As many as 13 faculty members of the Government College University, Lahore received research productivity awards 2011-12.

These include **Prof Dr Islam Ullah Khan**, the chairman of Chemistry Department, **Dr Ghulam Murtaza**, Professor Salam Chair in Physics, **Prof Dr Hassan Amir Shah**, the chairman of Physics Department, **Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Butt**, the Director Research, Innovation and Commercialisation, **Prof Dr Riaz Ahmad**, the director of Centre for Advance Studies in Physics, **Dr Farah Aziz**, an assistant professor at Department of Physics, **Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq**, the director of Institute of Biotechnology, **Dr Durrre Shahwar**, an assistant professor at Department of Chemistry, **Dr Sikander Ali**, an assistant professor at Institute of Industrial Biotechnology, **Mr Muhammad Jamil** from Physics Department, **Dr Tamaz Kaladze**, a foreign professor at Physics Department, **Dr Muhammad Nouman Sarwar Qureshi**, an assistant professor at Department of Physics, and **Dr Muhammad Athar Abbasi**, an assistant professor at Department of Chemistry. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated the above scientists on receiving the research productivity awards, saying that "GCU is providing maximum facilities to its faculty members, so that they can increase their research output."

Quality teaching and research output

GCU tops Punjab in HEC ranking

The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan this year ranked the Government College University, Lahore as the best university of Punjab in the ranking of medium-sized (general) universities. The ranking was based on the quality education and research output of the university. Overall, GCU secured the second position in the above category.GCU outshone even larger universities in the HEC ranking.

Expressing immense pleasure at this achievement of GCU, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said "we are now engaging our students and faculty members in rigorous intellectual and research activities instead of just relying on traditional teaching methods for which the university's academic and examination rules are also rationalised as per the world's best standards."

Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that GCU would further improve its ranking in the coming years.

Meeting of Advanced Studies & Research Board

University doubles research honorarium

The Government College University, Lahore, besides reviewing PhD rules and regulations as per international standards, has doubled the research honorarium for its faculty and administrative staff . The decision in this regard was taken at the 23rd meeting of the GCU Advanced Studies and Research Board (ASRB), chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman while Director Research, Innovation & Commercialisation (DRIC) Prof Dr M Zakria Butt presented the agenda.

Addressing the meeting, Vice Chancellor Prof Khaleeq announced that the research honorarium would be given from research funds of the GC University Lahore which had already been separated from the main budget to ensure smooth funding for the research projects.

"Now, any GCU employee, from faculty or administration, would get Rs 10,000 for each research paper published in ISI-index International Research Journal with impact factor, while in the past maximum research honorarium was Rs 5,000 only," the VC said.

Prof Khaleeq also announced giving an honorarium of Rs 5,000 to GCU employees for their each research paper published in a HEC-recognised national research journal. The Advanced Studies and Research Board also reviewed PhD rules and regulations.

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Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman's interview with The Nation

VC eyes slot for GCU in world-ranking

Eminent Physicist Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, *Izaz-I-Kamal*, appointed as third Vice Chancellor of the GC University, Lahore in July last year, eyes a slot for GCU in the ranking of world best universities, as he strongly believes that the Government College, Lahore was established, by the British rulers in 1864 on the pattern of Cambridge and Oxford, with the aim of making it one of the best world-class centres of higher learning, but was later not given the due financial resources and importance. "We are now engaging our students and faculty members in rigorous intellectual and research activities instead of just relying on traditional teaching methods for which the university and examinations' rules are also rationalised as per the world's best standards," said Prof Khaleeq in an interview with *The Nation*. He said that they were also striving to work in three additional strategic directions: institutional collaboration, international links and open-learning to increase flexibility and interaction.

EMS acknowledges ASSMS as Emerging Centre of Excellence

'GCU puts Pak Maths on world's map'

The Government College University, Lahore Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences (GCU ASSMS) Lahore put the Pakistani mathematics on the world's map, as the European Mathematical Society (EMS) acknowledged the doctoral school as the Emerging Regional Centre of Excellence (ERCE) for its contributions to research at the international level. The decision to acknowledge GCU ASSMS as ERCC came at a joint meeting of EMS Committee for Developing Countries (CDC) and UNESCO in Budapest, the capital of Hungary. Only three institutions from all over the world are acknowledged by EMS as emerging regional centres of excellence – one each in Pakistan, India and Vietnam. "This is for the first time that the EMS has acknowledged the excellence of any Pakistani educational institution, says ASSMS Director-General Dr A D Raza Choudary. "The school has indeed put mathematics on the map of Pakistan and the Pakistani Mathematics on the map of the world," said HEC Director Dr SH Naqvi.

Quality Enhancement Cell

QEC shines in HEC annual assessment

The Higher Education Commission Quality Assurance Agency (HEC QAA) this year assessed the progress of the quality enhancement cells established in the public and private sector universities through quantitative/scorecard system. As per the latest quantitative assessment, the Quality Enhancement Cell at Government College University, Lahore obtained a total score of 84% for the period ending December 31, 2011. HEC QAA Managing Director Prof Dr Azam Ali Khwaja appreciated the efforts of GCU Quality Enhancement Cell. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman also commended the efforts of GCU QEC and hoped this unit would continue to achieve the objectives of strengthening the internal quality assurance processes at GCU.

QEC Director Iram Sohail

Faculty of Sciences & Technology

Prof Islam Ullah Khan appointed Dean

The Punjab Governor and Government College University, Lahore Chancellor in pursuant to the powers vested in him under Statutes 2(2) of the first statues appended as schedule read with section 9(7) of the Government College University, Lahore Ordinance 2002 appointed Prof Dr Islam Ullah Khan, Professor, Department of Chemistry as Dean, Faculty of Sciences & Technology, GC University, Lahore for a period of three years. Prof Dr Islam Ullah Khan is also the chairperson of GCU Chemistry Department. He has a large number of international research papers to his credit. The Pakistan Council for Science and Technology awarded Prof Dr Islam Ullah Khan Research Productivity Award 2011-12 in Category A in recognition of his research productivity. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated Prof Islam Ullah Khan on his appointment as the GCU dean.

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PhDs in Computer Science & Islamic Studies

20 new academic programmes launched

The Government College University, Lahore is launching 20 new academic programmes including two PhD (doctorate of philosophy) programmes in the year 2012. The university's faculty members and Old Ravians paid tribute to Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman for initiating record 20 new programmes in only one year, saying that these new programmes would provide opportunities to more than 2,000 new students to share the academic excellence of GCU. These programmes include PhD in Computer Science, PhD in Islamic Studies, BSc Applied Chemistry, MS Industrial/Organisational Psychology, MS in Sports Psychology, Certificate in Research Methods in Psychology , BS Scientific Computing, Certificate of Forensic Science, BSc Applied Chemistry and BFA (Hons) Graphic Designing. The Academic Council and GCU Syndicate approved most of the above academic programmes on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor.

Education Opportunity

MA/MSc programmes revived after 5 years

The Government College University, Lahore revived two-year Masters programmes in various disciplines including History, Geography, Physical Education and Political Science to provide an opportunity of education to students who have two-year bachelor's degrees. The GCU Syndicate and the Academic Council approved the Masters programmes. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said MA Political Science and MA History had been the first two Masters programmes revived by GCU since MA/MSc had been replaced by the BA/BSc (Honours) programme in 2007.

"The Masters programmes have been launched keeping in view educational responsibilities towards nation, market demand and the dearth of opportunities regarding quality higher education for students with two-year bachelor's degrees," Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said.

High percentage of A+ grades

130 seats increased in intermediate

For the first time in ten years, the Government College University, Lahore (GCU) this year increased the number of seats in their Intermediate programme, most of them in pre-engineering and pre-medical. The university took an additional 130 students on open merit to its intermediate programme. "Students securing A+ grades deserve to get admissions in institutions like GCU," said Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman.

Eighty of the new seats are for pre-engineering and pre-medical students. "There is a greater competition for admission in these disciplines, especially in public sector educational institutions," the Vice Chancellor said.He said that since gaining university status in 2002, GCU had been receiving around 8,000 applications a year for admission to the intermediate programme. But this year, the university received 12,000 applications, a record.

Chief Minister's E-youth Initiative

Hafiz Muhammad Irfan gets laptop

Hafiz Muhammad Irfan, a physically challenged student of GCU, has got his first laptop as the university gave away merit laptops to its 168 final-year students who failed to register themselves with the Punjab Chief Minister's E-Youth Programme during the first round. Director Research, Innovation and Commercialisation Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Butt handed over laptops to Hafiz Irfan and 167 other students at a graceful ceremony held in Bukhari Auditorium. "This is the first laptop of my life and nobody can understand, what does it mean to me when I am doing the final project of BSc Electrical Engineering," said Hafiz Muhammad Irfan, who belongs to a lower middle class from Duska.

Hafiz Irfan said that he was developing a radar system as his final project which would use radio waves to determine the range, altitude, direction and speed of objects coming towards it. He said this laptop would be very helpful for him as due to his disability it was very difficult for him to go to hostel or university computer lab twice or thrice a day for assignments and final project.

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QEC holds training for young lecturers

The GCU Quality Enhancement Cell organised a four-day training to edify young lecturers' skills in modern teaching methodologies, time management, communication skills, stress management, lesson planning, education psychology, assessment and personality development. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired opening and closing ceremonies of the training programme and also presented a talk on "body-language an effective tool of communication" at a technical session. Addressing the participants, Prof Khaleeq said that the biggest challenge faced by the universities was the quality human resource. However, he said, imparting appropriate skills, knowledge and good attitudes to the talented faculty members undoubtedly would play a vital role in meeting the challenge.

BUKHARI AUDITORIUM: Physics Department Chairman Prof Dr Hassan A Shah chairs a gathering of the university's academic staff association.

FAZL-I-HUSSAIN: Computer Science Department Chairman Prof Dr Saleem Khan presents souvenirs to the participants at the concluding day of a seminar.

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT: A delegation of faculty members from the Bonn University, Germany holds a discussion with teachers of the department.

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT: A delegation of faculty members from the Bonn University, Germany pose for a photo with teachers of the department.

RQS hosts All Pakistan Quiz Competition

The Ravians Quiz Society organised the GCU All Pakistan Inter-University Quiz Competition 2012. As many as 37 universities from all over Pakistan took part in the quiz contest to win the title of 'Brain of Pakistan'. Punjab Education Endowment Fund (PEEF) Vice Chairman and Old Ravian Dr Amjad Saqib graced the final round of the quiz contest as the Chief Guest, while Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman was also present. Dr Saqib congratulated RQS for gathering the geniuses of Pakistan at one platform.

CSD wins Quaid-e-Azam Quiz Contest

The Computer Sciences Department (CSD) won the Quaid-e-Azam Quiz Competition organised by the Ravians Quiz Society in connection with the 136th birth anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Eminent journalist Abdul Rauf was the Chief Guest, while VC Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman was also present. As many as 31 academic departments of GCU took part in the contest. Muhammad Qamar and Rehman Latif of GCU CSD scored the highest points and lifted the winners' trophy.

GCU & UVAS hold training workshop

The Geography Department of GCU and University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore (UVAS) in collaboration with the Penn State University USA conducted a five-day training workshop on "the Application of GIS and GPS Technologies in Public Health Significance". Participants from all over Pakistan including Balcohistan and KPK participated in the training course. The participants also met Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman at the closing of the workshop.

Academic & Research partnership with Bonn University

The Bonn University, Germany and Government College University, Lahore inked an accord for research collaboration and faculty & student exchange. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Izaz-i-Kamal, and Bonn University Centre for Research Development (ZEF) Director Dr Solvay Gerke signed the agreement. Both the universities also agreed to carry out research in flood-hit areas through social perspective and investigate vulnerability, resilience and coping strategies of average local population in the socio-cultural, political and economic context. Chairing a meeting to ensure qualitative implementation of the project, Prof Khaleeq hoped that the research would contribute to develop an appropriate understanding about the problems of flood victims among national and international aid practitioners and policy makers, enabling them to design and implement adequate assistance programmes for disaster prevention and livelihood support measures in flood prone areas of Punjab and beyond. Bonn University, Germany ZEF senior researcher Dr Conrad Schetter attended the meeting while GCU Dean Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Prof Dr Khalid Pervaiz, Director Academic Planning and External Links Ms Fauzia Shaheen and the chairpersons of Political Science, Statistics, Psychology, Economics, History and Sociology departments were also present.

Accords inked with Turkish universities

The Government College University, Lahore this year inked agreements of international collaboration with SIFA University, Izmir and GEDIZ University, Istanbul for fostering academic, research and cultural ties with Turkish universities. GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and GEDIZ University Vice President Dr Mustafa Gunes signed an International Cooperative Agreement (ICA) while a protocol on international educational cooperation was also inked with SIFA University. These agreements were signed during a visit of the GCU vice chancellor to Turkish universities with the position-holders. Prof Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that GCU's collaboration with Turkish Universities would open new vistas of academic and research exchange between Turkey and Pakistan. "Students and faculty exchange programmes between the universities will strengthen educational ties as well as bond of friendship between the two countries," he added. As per the agreements, the two Turkish universities will cooperate with GCU in areas and research and academic development.

Joint academic programmes with Durham, UK

The Government College University, Lahore and Durham University, UK were agreed to initiate collective research projects and joint academic programmes in the field of science, information technology, arts and humanities.

The decision in this regard was made at a meeting of Durham University, UK International Office Director Sharne Procter with GCU Dean Faculty of Science and Technology Prof Dr Ikramul Haq and Director Research, Innovation and Commercialisation Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Butt at the Vice Chancellor's Office.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Butt said that research was at the core of GCU which shaped and inspired the disciplinary structure of its departments, several of which led Pakistan in their fields. He expressed his confidence in the research and troubleshooting capabilities of faculty at GCU, where, he said, new processes and working solutions were being developed for the local industry. He said that the academic experts of both universities would explore the areas for research and joint-degree programmes.

Memorandum of Understanding signed with AIT Thailand

The Government College University, Lahore and Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Thailand this year signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for fostering advancement in teaching, research and cultural understanding between both the institutions. GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and AIT Thailand President Siad Irandoust signed the accord. The GCU Lahore and AIT Thailand also agreed to initiate dual degree programmes in various disciplines of science and technology, arts and social sciences. The dual degree programme would involve the registration and studies of students at both the institutions. The AIT Thailand has also consented to promote cooperation with the Government College University, Lahore for exchange of students, joint training programmes of faculty members and formulation of joint research programmes. Under the MoU, both the universities would also endeavour to share teaching material, research reports, curriculum, case studies, working papers, publications and software in a beneficial manner.

The AIT Thailand and GCU Lahore would also hold joint seminars, conferences and workshops in the areas of mutual interest. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that GCU was making all-out efforts for enhancing collaborations with national and international organisations in the areas of research and academic development. "Academic and research collaborations accelerate the progress and enhance the quality of work," the VC added.

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Position-holders visit GCU

Students' inter-provincial tours promote national harmony: VC

The position-holders from Balochistan, Sindh, Gilgit Baltistan, Azad Jammu Kashmir and Kyber Pakhttunkhwa visited the Government College University, Lahore and met with Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Izaz-i-Kamal. Punjab Director General Protocol and Old Ravian Asjad Ghani Tahir led the 50-member delegation of position-holders and their teachers to the 148-year old educational institution. Talking to the position-holders, Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that the greatest strength of any nation was its youth, and the best way to strengthen the youth was to give them right education which made them innovative, logical, open-minded, cultured; responsible, honest and patriotic. "Education which does not impart these virtues in youth is of no use," he added. He appreciated the chief minister's initiative of inter-provincial tours, saying that it was promoting national harmony and solidarity. The position-holders visited the GCU Natural History Museum which is one of the Asia's oldest and largest natural history museums established by Dr Lt Col Stephenson in 1906. Later, GCU Director Sports Khadim Ali Khan took the position-holders to the GCU Sports Complex where they were briefed about the various sports facilities in the university.

GCU honours intermediate position-holders

The Government College University, Lahore organised a ceremony to honour its 11 students who secured positions in the intermediate examination, 2011, conducted by the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman was the Chief Guest at the ceremony which was attended by the parents and family members of the position holders, faculty members and other students. Talking to the position holders, Prof Khaleeq said Pakistan needed quality human capital which could put it on a path leading to social, industrial and economic development. He advised the talented youth to step forward and fill this void by attaining quality education with diligence and perseverance. Talking to the vice chancellor, the position holders said they would study day and night to become an asset to Pakistan. They termed their stay at GCU "golden days of life."

Lecture at CASP by Prof Faiz-ul-Hassan

University of Education, Lahore Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Faiz-ul-Hassan delivered a lecture on "Preferred Orientation in Microstructure at the Center for Advance Studies in Physics (CASP). Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Dean Faculty of Science and Technology Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq, eminent physicist Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Butt, Prof Dr Hassan A Shah and Prof Dr Riaz Ahmad were also present.

Model Banking Barnch at GCU

The United Bank Limited (UBL) has declared starting a model branch at the Government College University, Lahore and installing two high-quality ATM machines on the university campus. The announcement was made by UBL Group Head Sales Ali Husnian while addressing a gathering of GCU faculty members inBukhari Auditorium. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman was also present.

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31st All Pakistan Allama Iqbal Bilingual Declamation Contest

Debates teach art to convince others: VC

If not second, every 3rd successful Pakistani is alumina of GCU: Justice (r) Ramaday

The Debating Society of Government College University, Lahore hosted the 31st All Pakistan Allama Iqbal Bilingual Declamation Contest. Teams from 50 educational institutions including UET, Aitchison College, FAST, LUMS, FCC University, PU, BZU Multan, King Edward Medical University, LCWU and LGS contested for the coveted trophy which was won by Pakistan Air Force Academy, Risalpur.

Eminent Old Ravians Justice (r) Khalil-ur-Rahman Ramaday was the Chief Guest at the final round of the event while Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman was also present. LSE orator Saad Sohail was declared the Best English Speaker of the event and was awarded the Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Medal. Addressing the ceremony, Justice (r) Khalil-ur-Rahman Ramaday said that stature of academia was far above the rest of the society. He said that Ravians had led the nation from the front. "If not second, every third successful Pakistani is the alumina of the Government College, Lahore," he added. Addressing the orators, Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that debates taught students how to express their opinion and convince others while paying respect to their faiths and ideas.

16th All Pakistan Parliamentary Debates

The Debating Society of Government College University, Lahore hosted the 16th All Pakistan Bilingual Parliamentary Debates Contest. As many as 35 teams from all over Pakistan took part in the contest. Lahore High Court former chief justice (r) Khawja M Sharif was the Chief Guest at the prize distribution ceremony of the contest.

Training for newly-appointed young lecturers

The Quality Enhancement Cell held a four-day training programme for the university's newly-appointed teachers to edify their skills in teaching and

New ATM at GCU Sports Complex

The United Bank Ltd (UBL) has installed a new ATM at GCU Sports Complex. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman inaugurated the ATM.

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NAMS clean sweeps music conference

The Government College University, Lahore Nazir Ahmad Music Society (GCU NAMS) clean swept the All Pakistan Music Conference (APMC) 2011-12 with six distinctions. Muhammad Saad Farooq secured the first position in Vocal Classical Competition. Hassan Maqsood secured Gold Medal in Vocal Folk Competition. Mohsin Abbas stood second in Vocal Classical. Imran Fida bagged the first position in Vocal Ghazal. Umair Ali won the Faiz Ghazal Contest. Asad Ali stood third in Vocal Semi Classical. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated the members of NAMS on their extraordinary performance in APMC.

Mustaqeem outmuscles S.Asian

Mustaqeem Mehmood Butt, a muscleman of Government College University, Lahore, represented Pakistan at International competitions and brought glory to the portals of his alma mater.

Mustaqeem after breaking national records is now an international name in weightlifting and has set international records in China and Nepal this year. Mustaqeem Butt clinched two silver and two bronze medals in 105+ weight category in international weightlifting meet in the Nepal's capital, Khatmandu. He also represented Pakistan in an international championship in China. The extra-ordinary performance of the player was also met with lod applause at the national level. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Izaz-i-Kamal, also expressed great delight over this achievement of Mustaqeem.

Saqib Yousaf wins Doha Open 2012

Saqib Yousaf, a squash player of Government College University, Lahore, won the Doha Open 2012 and the title of Asian Senior 2012. The youngster's performance was lauded by his teachers, family members and fellow Ravians. Players from 20 countries of the world took part in the Doha Open 2012. Saqib triumphed in all the events of championship and lifted the coveted winner trophy. His great show and agility also honored him with the title of Asian Senior 2012. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and Director Sports Khadim Ali Khan congratulated Saqib on winning the Championship.

Prof Ikram awarded Z. A. Hashmi Gold Medal

The Pakistan Science Foundation, Islamabad (PSF) awarded the "Z. A. Hashimi Gold Medal" to Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq, the Director of Government College University, Lahore Institute of Biotechnology, for being most productive principal investigator in the country for the last one decade. Federal Minister for Science and Technology Mir Changez Khan Jamali awarded the gold medal to Prof Ikram-ul-Haq at a graceful ceremony in the COMSTECH, Islamabad while PSF Chairman Prof Dr Maznoor H Somroo was also present. Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq is the most productive biotechnologist of Pakistan. He did his post-doctorate from the Cornell University, New York, US, as a Fulbright Scholar.

He was declared the most productive scientist of Pakistan thrice and Best University Teacher once in the last decade. He also served GCU as Dean Faculty of Science and Technology.

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AL-HAMRA: Old Ravian MNA Hamza Shahbaz presents a medal and a certificate to a position-holder of GCU at a ceremony organised by Lahore Board. VC Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman is also present.

GCU clinches 9 positions in inter results 2012

Government College University, Lahore Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated Ravians on securing as many as nine positions in the Intermediate Examinations 2012, saying that students' achievements brought glory to their alma mater. He attributed the tremendous achievement of the GCU students to their hard work and talent through which they have managed to uphold the GCU's tradition of excellence. He said it was due to unflinching dedication and commitment of the GCU students to their studies and invaluable pedagogical input of the highly-qualified trained GCU faculty that GCU is ranked among the top educational institutions of the country. The Vice Chancellor said that keeping in view GCU's excellence in intermediate studies, they had this year increased 130 seats in FSc pre-engineering and pre-medical groups.

According to BISE results, GCU students have secured top two positions in Pre-engineering Group (Boys) wherein Muhammad Umer stood first with 1028 marks while Najam Tariq bagged second position with 1026 marks. GCU students also secured two positions in Pre-medical Group (Boys) wherein Zamad Gillani and Awais Raza secured the first and third positions with 1025 and 1016 marks respectively. Ravians clean swept the General Science Group (Boys) wherein Muhammad Aamir Eyyaz bagged the first position with 961 marks while Naeemur Rahman and Rizwan Liaqat stood second and third positions with 954 and 946 marks respectively. GCU student Muhammad Umer overall stood second in Lahore Board with 1028 marks. Haider Iqbal secured overall second position in arts.

Best Physicist 2011-12

PAS awards GCU VC Gold Medal

The Pakistan Academy of Sciences, Islamabad (PAS) awarded GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman Gold Medal for his outstanding performance in the field of Physics. PAS President Prof Dr Atta-ur-Rahman presented the medal to Prof Khaleeq at the annual meeting of the academy which was attended by noted scientists and teachers from all over the country. Every year, only one of the best scientists in each subject receives the prestigious award for his contributions to the cause of science at the national and international levels. Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman is one of the most eminent physicists of Pakistan who has over 110 research articles published in international journals to his credit, besides several books and articles on the subject of Physics. He was awarded the highest presidential award, Izaz-i-Kamal, for his meritorious services in education sector. He received HEC Best Teacher Award for his extraordinary academic work in 2008. The Pakistan Institute of Physics also awarded Fellowship Gold Medal to Prof Dr Khaleeq as a token of recognition for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of Physics in Pakistan. Prof Dr Khaleeq did his PhD in Physics from the Manchester University, UK.

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GCU triumphs in swimming championship

• Ameen Ali Khan bags the title of Fastest Swimmer

FCC UNIVERSITY LAHORE: The team GCU poses for a group photo after winning the Lahore Board Inter-Collegiate Swimming Championship.

The Government College University, Lahore clean swept the Lahore Board Inter-collegiate Swimming Championship 2012 hosted by the Forman Christian College Lahore – a Chartered University under the patronage of Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, (BISE) Lahore.

The team GCU triumphed in all 15 events of the Championship which included 100 Metres free style, 100 Metres breast stroke, 100 Metres back stroke, 4 × 100 free style relay and breast stroke relay. GCU secured record 275 points in the competition, while FCC University secured the second position with 155 points. The Superior College, Lahore bagged the third position with only 49 points. GCU student Hassan Kamran also won the title of the Best Swimmer courtesy his grand 12 golds and 150 points. Ameen Ali Khan, another Ravian, bagged the title of Fastest Swimmer of the Championship.

Int'l Best Library Award

The Government College University, Lahore received the International Best Library Award 2012 and 224 latest key publications from the International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR), Cambridge,UK.

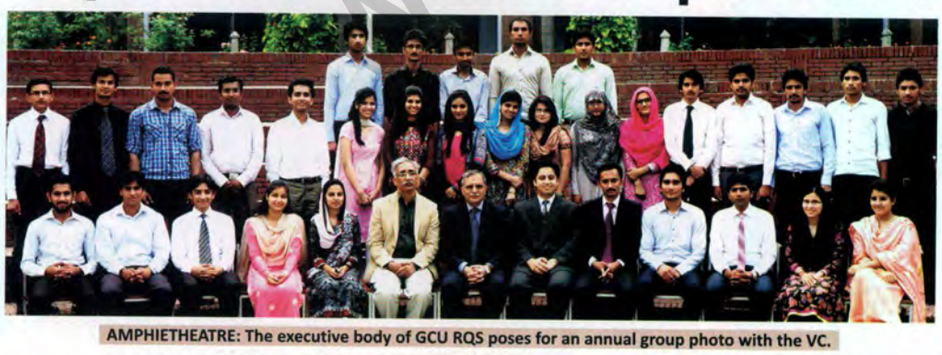
Vice Chancellor Prof(Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Izaz-i-Kamal, expressed pleasure on the tremendous achievement of the university's Library as it now stands among the top 150 institutions of the World to have received this award.

Abdul Waheed, the Chief Librarian of GCU, saidthat 224 publications awarded by ISSR,UKto GCU are on the subjects related to natural sciences and spirituality.

Chief Librarian Abdul Waheed

The Marquis Who's Who USA has added the name of Abdul Waheed, the Chief Librarian of GCU, to its latest edition. Abdul Waheed did his post-graduation from Manchester and was the first foreign qualified librarian in the Punjab Education Department since 1947. He also wrote four books and served the Punjab University as Chief Librarian. Keeping in view services in the field of Library Science, Abdul Waheed's name has been added along with other prominent and profound individuals from over 200 nations, territories and principalities.

RQS sparkles in national quiz contests



AMPHIETHEATRE: The executive body of GCU RQS poses for an annual group photo with the VC.

The Government College University, Lahore Ravians Quiz Society (GCU RQS) performed exceptionally well in the national quiz competitions held during the academic year 2011-12. The team RQS comprised of Rana Asif Nazeer, Ammara Batool and Rana Saifullah represented GCU in the All Pakistan Inter-University Quiz Competition held at Aitchison College Lahore and secured the third position. RQS member Rana Asif Nazeer took part in the quiz competition held at the PTV Centre, Lahore and secured second position and also won the cash prize of Rs 10,000. RQS team comprised of Rana Asif Nazeer and Obaidullah Sahi participated in Sarwar-e-Qainat Seerat-e-Nabi (S.A.W) Quiz Competition and secured second position. Bhutto Quiz Competition was held at the PTV Centre, Lahore. RQS member Rana Asif Nazeer bagged first position in the competition and won a cash prize of Rs.15,000.

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Record 27 positions in Chief Minister's Debates 2012

The Government College University, Lahore Debating Society (GCUDS) this year broke its own previous-year record by winning 27 awards at the Chief Ministers Debates, Essay Writing, Naat & Qirat Competition 2012. The GCU orators secured 5 positions at provincial level, 10 division level and 12 at district level contests. Saadul Hassan, the president of the GCU Debating Society, was declared the Best Urdu Speaker of Punjab at the postgraduate level. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Izaz-i-Kamal, congratulated Saadul Hassan, Shoaib Ahmed, Ahmad Chaudhary, Zahid Ali, Ayesha Urooj, Aitazaz Arif, Ammara Shah, Afzaan Muneer, Burhan Ahmed, Mudassir Seemab, Muhammad Fahad Anjum, Hafiz Omair Qasim, Shehzad Khan and Ismail Sherwani on their tremendous performance in CM debates.

Academic Year 2011-12

Debating Society earns 131 oratory awards

- *Saadul Hassan declared Best GCU Debater with overall 17 individual awards*

The Government College University, Lahore Debating Society (GCUDS) earned 131 oratory awards in 57 national and international debating competitions during the academic year 2011-12. It was reported in the GCUDS annual report published in August 2012. The report says that society is crowned the best debating team of Pakistan at the Higher Education Commission's Allama Iqbal annual speech contest, which was participated by debating teams from 140 universities in Pakistan.

FAZL-E-HUSSAIN: Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman addresses GCU shinning orators.

The society's 131 oratory awards include 34 team trophies, 35 best speaker awards, 25 second best speaker awards, 32 third best speaker awards and five consolation prizes. GCUDS Secretary General Saadul Hassan was declared the best GCU debater with overall 17 individual oratory awards, while Zahid Ali, a student of BA (Honours) Persian, stood second with 10 national awards to his credit.

The society also set an unprecedented record of winning overall 17 positions at the Chief Minister Punjab Speech Contest 2011-12. The team GCU lifted coveted trophies at LUMS, Kinnaird College Lahore, Army Burn Hall College Abbotabad, Aitchision College Lahore, FAST, Punjab University, FCC University Lahore, Allama Iqbal Medical College University Lahore, Multan Law College, Beaconhouse, City School, Sadiq Public School Bahawalpur, Cadet College Petaro (Sindh), UVAS Lahore, Fatima Jinnah Medical College Lahore, Punjab Medical College Faisalabad, Govt. College Toba Tek Singh and Govt College Bhakhar.

GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said the varsity debaters have proved themselves to be the most outstanding torch-bearers of the university's pride. Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that he had doubled the funds for co-curricular activities in the university since these activities honed the collective outlook of the youth. The Vice Chancellor expected of the GCU orators to further enhance their efforts to maintain and improve their existing record.

Ravians win QAU Declamation Contest

The Debating Society of GCU won the All Pakistan Declamation Contest 2012 organised by the Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. As many as 35 universities from all over Pakistan took part in the declamation contest. GCU student Ahmad Ch topped the English debate, while Khawaja Yaseen secured second position in Urdu debates. The prestigious team trophy was also lifted by team GCU. Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated the Debating Society on this tremendous achievement.

HEC ranks GCU-DS "the best"

The Debating Society of Government College University, Lahore (GCU-DS) was ranked the Best Debating Team of Pakistan after having beaten 140 universities at the All Pakistan Universities Declamation Contest hosted by the Higher Education Commission. Only six best teams, each from five provinces and Azad Jammu Kashmir, made to the finals after the university and provincial rounds. GCU-DS lifted the prestigious team trophy, called Allama Iqbal Shield, at the competition, while GCU-DS General Secretary Saadul Hassan was declared the Best Speaker. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated the Debating Society on winning the biggest national declamation contest.

First position in Nazaria-i-Pakistan's Speech Contest

The Debating Society of Government College University, Lahore clean swept the All Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Urdu Speech Contest 2012 organised by the Nazaria-i-Pakistan Trust. The orators from 40 educational institutions took part in the speech contest. GCU student Ali Abid stood first while Adnan Farooq of GCU secured the second position. GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated the orators on their achievement.

VC OFFICE: The female rifle shooting team of GCU Lahore poses for a photo with Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman.

HEC First Women's Rifle Shooting Contest

GCU shooters emerge triumphant

• *Sports are equally important for boys and girls: Vice Chancellor*

The Government College University, Lahore emerged triumphant in the All Pakistan First Women's Rifle Shooting Championship 2012 organised by the Higher Education Commission. The team GCU comprising Madhia Ashraf, Sadaf Mehboob and Noor Saleem outshined all the universities of Pakistan in the Championship by winning 13 of 20 gold medals, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals in various shooting events including clay pigeon, skeet, down the line, free pistol and trap. GCU student Sadaf Mehboob was adjudicated the Best Shooter, while Punjab University and COMSATS secured second and third positions in the Championship. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman met with the winning team and appreciated their outstanding performance in the championship.

Aadersh wins GCU Mastermind 2012

FAZL-E-HUSSAIN: Aadersh Hamza receives his certificate and shield from GCU RQS Advisor Dr Saqif Nafees.

Government College University Lahore Political Science Department student Aadersh Hamza has crowned as "GCU Mastermind 2012" for winning the Intra-university Mastermind Quiz Competition organized by the Ravians Quiz Society. As many as 84 students from various academic departments of GCU took part in the quiz which was spanned over nine brainstorming rounds. Out of 84 participants, GCU History Department student Tehseen Wattoo stood second whereas Maheen Iqbal of Bio-technology Department secured third position.

GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated the winners, saying that quiz competitions polish and hone the knowledge of students and make them prodigious individuals.

Debating Scoeity wins FAST Bilingual

The Government College University Lahore Debating Society has won the All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest organised by the FAST University Lahore. As many as 35 prestigious educational institutions from all over the country took part in the competition. Ahmad Chaudhry and Hassan Raza of GCU secured distinction at the competition besides lifting the overall team trophy.

Old Ravian tops CSS Examination

Rana Abdul Aziz, an Old Ravian, stood first in the Central Superior Services (CSS) Examination 2011 held under the auspices of the Federal Public Service Commission. Mr Rana was the General Secretary of Government College University Lahore Debating Society during the session 2006-07. Being an accomplished debater, he won numerous laurels for his alma mater including Best Speaker Award at the Punjab Students' Convention 2006 organised by the Punjab government.

Prof Hassan awarded Sitara-i-Imtiaz

Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, the President of Pakistan, has conferred civil awards on different prolific personalities for their distinctive contribution in various fields of life. Government College University Lahore Department of Physics Chairperson Prof Dr Hassan Amir Shah was awarded Sitara-i-Imtiaz for his outstanding contributions in the field of Physics. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated Prof Dr Hassan Amir Shah on receiving the award.

HEC Best Teacher Award

Government College University Lahore Centre for Advanced Studies of Physics (GCU CASP) Director Prof Dr Riaz Ahmad has been awarded the Best Teacher Award by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The Higher Education Commission Best Teacher Award consists of a certificate and a cash prize of Rs 100,000. GCU Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated Prof Riaz on receiving the award.

Prof Ikram wins educationist award

Government College University Lahore Dean Faculty of Science and Technology Prof Dr Ikramul Haq is honoured with the "Award for Outstanding Contribution to Education" at the Second Asia Awards held at Suntec, Singapore under the auspices of CMO Asia and World Brand Congress. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated Prof Dr Ikramul Haq on receiving the "Award for Outstanding Contribution to Education".

Young Scientist Award

Dr Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Government College University Lahore, received the "Young Scientist Award 2011" from the Inter-Academy Panel – a global network of science academies. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated Dr Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh on receiving the award. Dr Akhyar is also the advisor of the Government College University Lahore Ravian Forensic Society.

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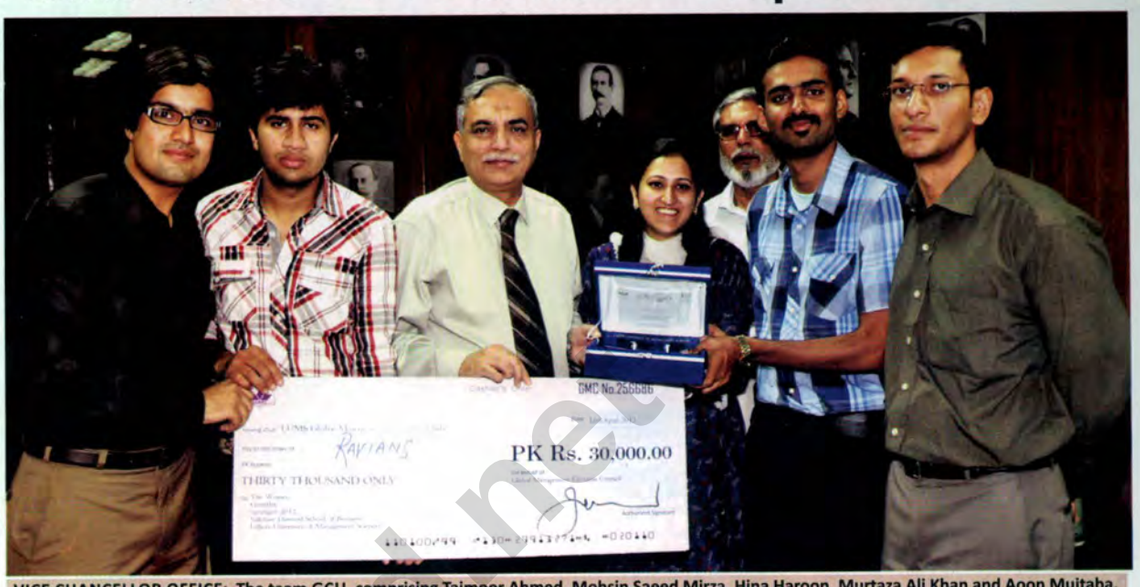
MSD wins LUMS Int'l Gauntlet Competition

The Government College University, Lahore Management Studies Department (GCU MSD) won the three-day International Gauntlet Competition organised by the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). As many as 14 teams including one from India took part in the Gauntlet Competition. During the business game simulation software competition, the participants need to run a company for nine years against their competitors and raise their market share index. The team GCU comprising Taimoor Ahmed, Mohsin Saeed Mirza, Hina Haroon, Murtaza Ali Khan and Aoon Mujtaba won the game by raising their share index to record 3700 points. Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan secured the second position with share price index of just 1800 points. VC Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and GCU MSD Chairperson Najaf Yawar Khan congratulated the students on their extraordinary performance in the Lahore University of Management Sciences Competition.

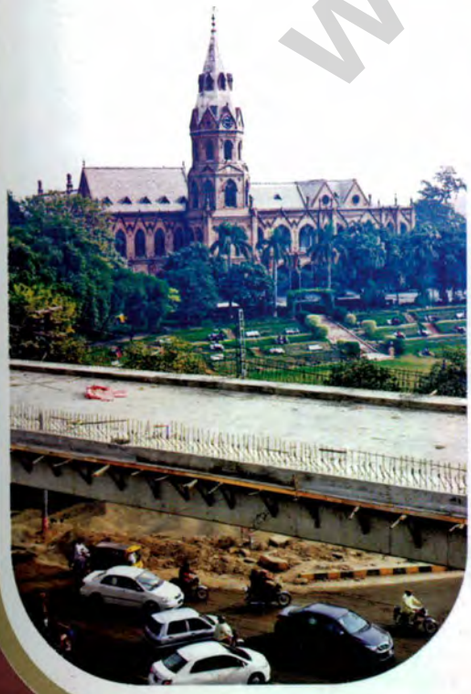


VICE CHANCELLOR OFFICE: The team GCU, comprising Taimoor Ahmed, Mohsin Saeed Mirza, Hina Haroon, Murtaza Ali Khan and Aoon Mujtaba, poses for a photo with Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman after winning the International Gauntlet Competition.

HMC sparkles in wall-climbing

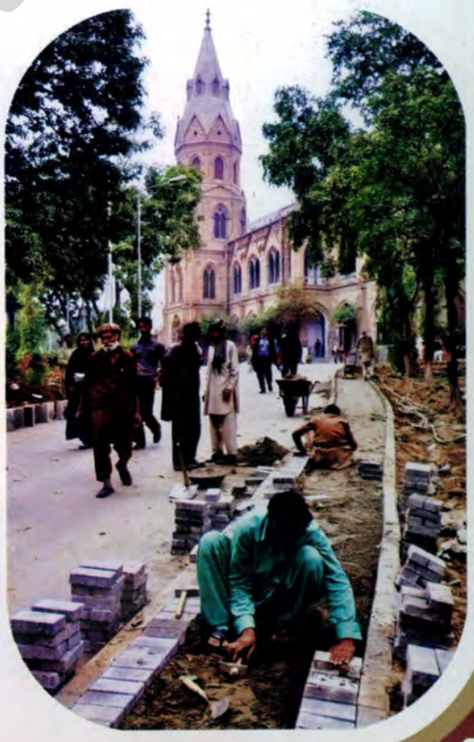
The Government College University, Lahore Hiking and Mountaineering Club (GCU HMC) sparkled in a two-day All Punjab Wall Climbing Competition that concluded at DHA-EME . The event was organised by Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL). Kashif Fayyaz, a member of GCU HMC, won top performance award among boys and Wishal Naveed, joint secretary of GCU HMC, got third position among girls. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman has congratulated the winners and appreciated the efforts of the Government College University Lahore Hiking and Mountaineering Club.

View from New Hostel



Bokhari Auditorium

On-campus development



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MURREE: The female high-achievers of GCU pose for a photo with Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and Punjab Director General Protocol and Old Ravian Asjad Ghani Tahir.

Shahbaz honours GCU high-achievers

Punjab Chief Minister and Old Ravian Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif has honoured the shinning students of his alma mater, Government College University Lahore, by inviting them to Murree for a three-day study and recreational tour. The GCU student delegation, led by GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, stayed in chief minister's enclosure at the Punjab House, Murree and was given the protocol of state guests. Punjab Director General Protocol Asjad Ghani Tahir received the delegation which was comprised of 95 students including 40 female students who have shown excellent performance in academics, co-curricular and sports. The GCU high achievers also attended two seminars in which they were briefed about the higher education opportunities for talented Pakistani students aboard. Col. Saleem Khan from NUST also held an interactive session with GCU students and discussed with them their future plans. The GCU Vice Chancellor also led the GCU high achievers to Pakistan Monuments Museum Islamabad and briefed them about the life history and struggle of the leaders of Pakistan movement including Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Fatima Jinnah. GCU Chief Librarian Abdul Waheed, Political Science Department Chairperson Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt, Ms Fouzia Ghani and Ms Rubina Murtaza also accompanied the delegation.

The GC University Lahore Dramatics Club (GCUDC) magnum opus "Shaoor" won the first prize at All Pakistan Drama Competition 2011-12 organised by the British Council at the Pearl Continental Hotel Lahore. The Competition was the part of week-long cultural activities "Active Citizens" organised by the British Council to celebrate the achievements of the Pakistani youth.

The drama competition held at the concluding day remained the most colourful event in which the teams of seven leading institutions including Beaconhouse National University, FAST University, Kinnaird College for Women, LUMS and Queen Mary College for Women Lahore participated. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman expressed pleasure over the tremendous achievement of the GCU Dramatics Club and congratulated all of its hardworking members.

Botany Department holds centenary celebrations

The Government College University, Lahore Botany Department held its centenary celebrations which began with a reunion of the alumni of the department that was established in January 1912. The celebrations continued for three months. Chairing the alumni reunion function, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman called upon the alumni to play an effective role in development of their alma mater through financial, moral and intellectual support. Botany Department Chairman Prof Dr Zaheeruddin Khan said the three-month 100th year celebrations would conclude in March next with an international conference on "environment and biodiversity". Prof Khan said the department would also hold workshops and seminars for the training of botany teachers of different colleges in Punjab. He said flower exhibitions and declamation contests on topics related to environment, agriculture, forestry, horticulture, soil and water would also be part of the three-month celebration.

GCU Faculty of Science and Technology Dean Prof Dr Muhammad Ikramul Haq said the importance of botany in the biosphere could be realised from the famous saying "All flesh is grass." These days, he said, the discipline of botany had a broad scope covering so many fields like forestry, horticulture, climatology, plant biotechnology, molecular genetics, medicine, biodiversity, plant and microbial genetic engineering, plant metabolic engineering, biopharming etc.

He stressed the need to focus more on quality of research instead of number of research papers being produced.

The alumni shared experiences and interesting incidents from their student life at the university. Later, the alumni through a resolution paid tributes to noted scientists Prof. Shiv Ram Kashyap, Prof. S.L. Ghose, Prof. A.C. Joshi, Dr. A.A. Qureshi, Dr. Sultan Ahmed, Prof. A.R. Zafar, Prof. A.H. Zafar, Prof. Jawad A. Khan, Prof. Masudul Hasan, Dr. R.A. Mirza and Prof. A. U. Khan who led the historic botany department and played highly significant role in its development.

Aaqib Hanif beats Amir Atlas

Aaqib Hanif, a shining star of Government College University, Lahore, outclassed the Pakistan's number one squash player, Amir Atlas and beat him after a great neck-to-neck fight. The performance of both the players was celebrated at international and national level.

Football Team wins Independence Cup

The GC University, Lahore football team won the Independence Cup organised by the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore (UVAS) in connection with the Independence Day celebrations of Pakistan. As many as 16 teams took part in the contest. The GCU football team beat the noted Usmani Club by 2-0 in the final. goals from the GCU side.

Runner-up in HEC Rowing Contest

The Government College University, Lahore got second position in the All Pakistan Inter-University Rowing Championship organised by the Higher Education Commission. As many as 15 colleges marked their worthy presence in the championship. GCU students Adnan Tassadaq and Munir Ali secured Gold Medals in the championship.

Second position in Hockey Championship

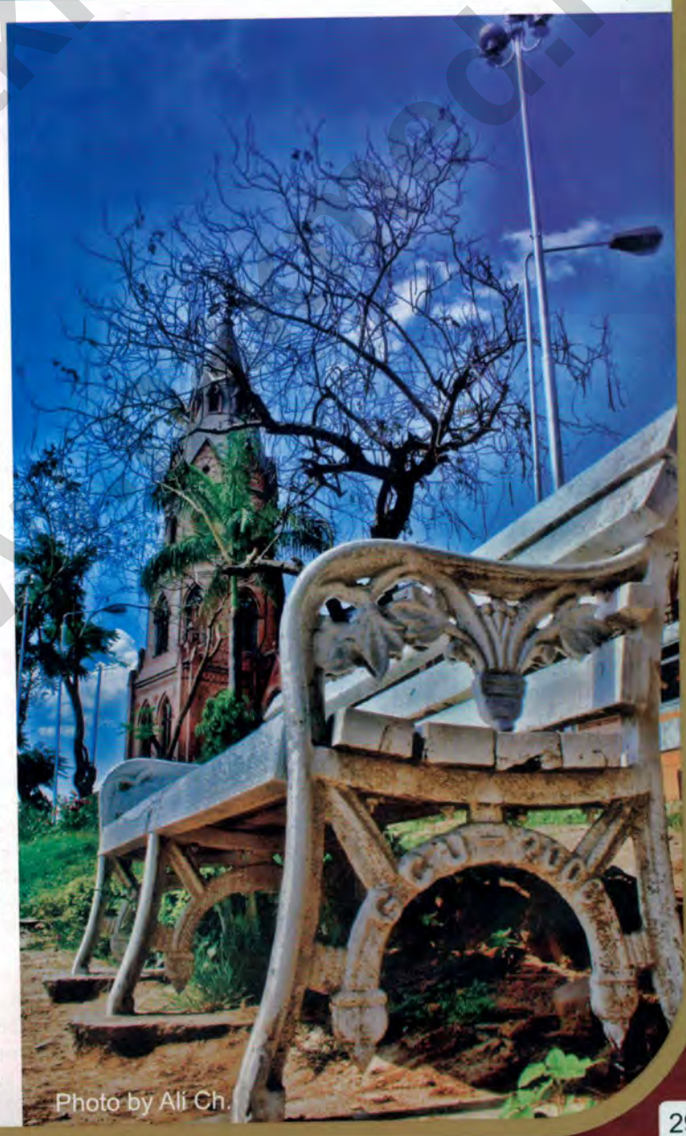
The Government College University, Lahore secured the second position in the All Pakistan Inter-University Hockey Championship organised by the Higher Education Commission. The team GCU played its first knock-out match against Bahria University and came out victorious with the score of 2-1. Semi final was another victory leading GCU to finals.

National Debates Summer Camp

The Debating Society of GCU organised the National Debates Summer Camp to train the young students in the art of parliamentary-style debates. Barrister Omer Mehmood Khan, the former President of GCU-DS, who won record number of awards at national and international parliamentary debates, coached students in the art of public-speaking.

First position in LUMS Eloquence Gala

The Debating Society won the team trophy at the Eloquence Gala 2012 organised by LUMS. Almas stood first in Interpretative Recitation, while Adnan Farooq secured the second position. Ahmad Ch was adjudicated second in the English declamation.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Concert of Heritage

Live music performances in Urdu, Punjabi, Balochi, English and Pushto languages by talented Ravians rocked the "Annual Concert of Heritage" held at the GCU Bukhari Auditorium under the auspices of Nazir Ahmad Music Society.

The four-hour concert proved to be a rich blend of Pop, Rock, Folk, Ghazal, Classical and Semi-Classical, and reflected on sub-continent's rich musical heritage.

The Vice Chancellor said "every person poses a unique set of abilities, some are good at research, some are good in sports, some are good actors, others are good in debates; GCU provides all kinds of opportunities to its students to exhibit and polish their talent." He said that education was as important for musicians and sportsmen as for anybody else.

Workshop for advancing research on algae plants

A two-day workshop held at GC University, Lahore for advancing research on algae plants for developing bio-fuel, food, shelter and medicine to fulfill the expanding demands of human society. The Botany Department organised the workshop.

GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the inaugural session of the workshop titled 'Algal collection and recent taxonomy of Chlorophycota''. Prof Dr Abdul-Hayee from Sind University Jamshoro and Dr Mehboob Ahmad from Punjab University were also present. About 150 researchers from different universities took part in the workshop which was spread over six sessions.

Shark fishing is no longer sustainable in Pakistan: Dr Mauvis Gore

An international seminar on "the Ups and Downs of Pakistan's Large Marine Animals with respect to Phytoplankton" has held at the GC University, Lahore under auspices of the university's Botany Department, HEC and PSF.

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the opening session of the seminar while noted marine biologists from all over the country and abroad were also present. In her key note address, Dr Mauvis Ann Gore, the Co-Director of Marine Conservational International, Edinburgh Scotland, said that 11 species including sharks, rays, guitarfish and sawfish were being fished in South-west Balochistan due to which they had undergone a drastic reduction. She said that shark fishing was no longer sustainable in Pakistan.

Pakistan-China friendship is an exception to all theories of int'l relations: Prof Rong

The Pakistan-China friendship is an exception to all general theories of international relations, but there is a dire need to strengthen cultural and social ties between the people of both countries, said Prof Zhou Rong while addressing a seminar on "China's perspective on Pakistan-United States relations" at the Government College University Lahore. Eminent political scientist Prof Shafqat Chaudhry and GCU Political Science Chairperson Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt also addressed the seminar organised by the Quaid-e-Azam Political Science Society. Talking to students, Prof Zhou Rong, an expert on Pakistan studies at Fudan University and Sichuan University, China said that "the United States of America help Pakistan when they need Pakistan but China helps Pakistan when Pakistan needs it."

HEC Squash Contest

The team GCU this year again won the All Pakistan Inter-University Squash Championship organised by the Higher Education Commission. Saqib Yousaf and Aaqib Hanif, lifted the trophy.

HEC Fastest Runner

Muhammad Qasim Ali Amjad, a student of GCU, won the title of the Fastest Man in All Pakistan Inter-university Athletics Championship organised by Higher Education Commission. GCU student Khursheed Ahmed also won the Gold Medal. Aslam Saddam won second position in Javelin throw and was honoured with the Silver Medal. Mohsin Naveed and Siddique Akbar won the 110 Metres Hurdles and 5000 Metres Race respectively.

Co-curricular festival

The GCU Debating Society won the All Pakistan Co-curricular Festival with overall nine distinctions. As many as 30 institutions from all over Pakistan took part in the festival organised by the Government College. Muzaffargarh. In English Debates, GCU student Fahad Anjum secured the first position while Jdhaun Aslam stood third. Hafiz Ali Virk won the Punjabi Debates. Adnan Farooq stood second in the Urdu Debates. In Kalam-e-Iqbal Competition, Qasim Raza stood third. In Qirat, Hafiz Umair bagged the second position. Hafiz Ali Virk won the Nazam Competition. Adnan Farooq stood third in the Ghazal Competition. The overall team trophy was also lifted by the team GCU.

Gymnastics Contest

The team GCU sparkled in the All Pakistan Inter-University Gymnastic Championship 2012 organised by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. As many as 20 universities took part in the championship.

Medals in Athletics

The team GCU came up with flying colors in the Lahore Board Inter-Collegiate Athletics Championship. GCU student Nauman Yousaf won three Gold medals; each in 800 Meters, 1500 Metres and 500 Metres. Adnan Ali bagged two gold medals in Triple Jump and Long Jump.

Volleyball Championship

The team GCU was the semi-finalist in the Inter-collegiate Volley Ball Championship 2012 organised by the Lahore Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education. As many as 24 teams took part the championship.

Football Championship

The team GCU secured the second position in the Lahore Board Inter-Collegiate Championship. As many as 20 teams took part in the championship including Punjab College, GC University Lahore, Islamia College and MAO College Lahore The final was played between GCU and Punjab College.

Cross-Country Contest

The GC University, Lahore was ranked third in the Inter-Collegiate Cross-Country Championship 2012. Islamia College Burki, GCU Lahore, Punjab College and Superior College were the top competitors of the event.

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Majlis-e-Iqbal

Horticulture Society

The Scientific Ravi

Seniors' Club

GCU VC leads a delegation of position holders to European universities

Social Evolution through Educational Revolution

Article by: Taimoor Jaffar Ali (a student of FSc-II at GC University Lahore)

Modern, purposeful education alone can address the problems that the third-world countries are confronted with! This is the gist of our observations, interactions and analysis that we acquired during our life shaping educational tour to some of the finest universities and colleges of Europe. Vice Chancellor of my alma mater Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman — a humble and seasoned personality — led our delegation on the special directions of eminent Old Ravian and Chief Minister Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif. Prof Khaleeq remained a valuable source of constant support and guidance for the students throughout the tour. His unique way of managing the students and leading the delegate to the various universities and monuments remained exceptional and students felt honoured to find such a charismatic person to lead them. Being an ordinary student from very humble background, I had never paid heed to the media propagation of various political dispensations since I had serious reservations about the veracity of their claims. It was after I won an academic distinction that I got an opportunity to have the first-hand experience of the far-sighted policies of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. All the cynical notions that the masses traditionally nurture about the sincerity of our politicians were rendered ineffective when I was chosen to represent Pakistan as part of a youth delegation comprising 40 academic high achievers from all the nooks and crannies of our multi-ethnic motherland. My sole claim to earn this privilege hinges on my academic merit and nothing else. Khadim-e-Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif had sent his eldest son, MNA Hamza Shahbaz, to accord a red-carpet farewell to the walking ambassadors of Pakistan! The skeptics question the wisdom of this stupendous step. Let me answer them: we the representatives of the Pakistani youth were sent to visit the three important countries of Europe; namely, UK, Germany and Turkey; to visit their leading universities, get the first-hand exposure to the international educational milieu and the socio-economic conditions in which it thrives, introduce us to cutting-edge technologies of the first-world, hold meetings with their students, academia and above all the Nobel Laureates!! It is the Khadim-e-Punjab's vision to empower the bright representatives of our youth with such experiences that would help them break away from the norms of the decadent educational practices and inspire their peers to emulate their struggle and bring about the long awaited revolution through educational reforms. First destination, our delegation stayed in London for over a week during which we visited the universities and colleges in and around London. We got a life-time opportunity to proceed on a guided tour of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Surrey, Queen Mary and Leeds besides the London School of Economics and Imperial College London. Our visit to the Surrey Space Centre was a very fascinating experience as we learned about the latest research work being done regarding the satellite technology. We took stock of the research in various projects such as making vaccines, diagnostics of cancer and problems related to insomnia. Alongside academic visits, we toured the Natural History Museum, National Museum of Arts, Trafalgar Square, the British Parliament and the Pakistani High Commission in London.

These are the world's leading institutions of research and pedagogy in pure and social sciences as well as humanities. The university has well stocked libraries, modern computer labs, state-of-the-art labs, extensive research recourses. They forge genuine intellectual excitement and cutting – edge research. The mystifying architecture of the centuries old buildings in London depicts the cultural heritage of the English Civilisation. We observed many cultural aspects of the western world as to how the people focus on their own task, behave hospitably, think professionally, live positively and follow a disciplined way in every walk of life.

We particularly noticed the presence of a strong Muslim community in these universities who strive to embrace modernity through state-of-the-art research facilities while at the same time preserve their allegiance to their religious roots. Their societies and clubs make arrangements for prayers at the campuses and ensure the provision of halal food for the Muslim students. At the University of Cambridge, Mr Arslan, the Graduate Union President at Cambridge made an informative presentation in the spacious hall of the Lucy Cavendish College. Our visit to the British Parliament was quite remarkable. We visited the various galleries of the prestigious building. Lord Nazir Ahmad, member of the British House of Lords warmly welcomed us. He presented souvenirs to the students. Lord Nazir Ahmad also told about the great building of the House of Lords, which is about 900 years old. He walked with us to a nearby GEO TV station where we attended a program "JANG FORUM" in the IQ STUDIOS.

MANCHESTER: The second part of our UK tour took us to Manchester. This city was at the forefront of the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century, and was a leading centre for manufacturing. Manchester was the site of the world's first railway station, and the place where scientists first split the atom and developed the first stored-program computer.

In the 19th century, Manchester featured in literary works highlighting the changes that industrialisation had brought to Britain. Charles Dickens is reputed to have set his novel Hard Times in the city. There are two universities in the City of Manchester. The University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University and the Royal Northern College of Music are grouped around Oxford Road on the southern side of the city centre, which forms Europe's largest urban higher education precinct. Together they have a combined population of 73,160 students in higher education.

Traveling from London to Manchester on Euston train was an exhilarating experience. The Council General Mr. Ehsanullah received us at the station and extended his best wishes to us. Here, we visited Al-Azhar University, Universities of Manchester, Leeds and Manchester Metropolitan University. Al-Azhar at Manchester depicted the true picture of Islamic teachings as it was a perfect combination of science and religion. The most significant facet of our visit to the University of Manchester was our meeting with the Nobel laureate scientist, Dr. Konstantin Novoselov who had separated a single layer of graphite known as Graphene. He apprised us of his research routine and its significance.

Besides this, we attended a TV talk-show: Guests in Manchester at DM Digital TV and a reception which was hosted by the members of PML(N) UK Chapter who presented to us medals of appreciation and a grand reception at the Muslim British Heritage Centre. The dignitaries then presented all the students and officials of the delegation with Special Initiative Certificates and souvenirs respectively.

SCOTLAND: The last segment of our UK visit took us to Scotland. Its incredible influence on the world has encouraged invention, inspired creativity and fired imaginations for generations. We immersed ourselves in Scotland's arts and culture during our visit as the country celebrates its creative contributions to the world since they have declared 2012 to be the Year of Creative Scotland. Edinburgh, the country's capital and second largest city, is one of Europe's largest financial centers. Edinburgh was the hub of the Scottish Enlightenment of the 18th century, which transformed Scotland into one of the commercial, intellectual and industrial powerhouses of Europe. Scottish waters consist of the largest oil reserves in the European Union.

Scottish education system has always remained distinct from that of the rest of United Kingdom, with a characteristic emphasis on a broad education. There are 15 Scottish universities, some of which are amongst the oldest in the world. Scotland produces 1% of the world's published research with less than 0.1% of the world's population, and higher education institutions account for 9% of Scotland's service sector exports.

After enjoying a wholesome breakfast at Preston, we set out to venture for the enchanting natural beauty of Lake District. This region is a treasure trove of scenic delights, majestic mountains, lovely lakes, secluded beaches, hidden tarns and beautiful villages. And it's not all walking and climbing. Millions of visitors from around the country, indeed the world, come to the Lake District for adventure- windsurfing, angling, horse riding and racing, sailing, paragliding and lots more. We visited the Universities of Glasgow, Strathclyde and Edinburgh, the Scottish Parliament, and the Edinburgh castle. Some famous alumni of the Edinburgh University include the philosopher David Hume, Charles Darwin, the Harry Potter author JK Rowling and former Prime Minister Gordon Brown. The university is also associated with 15 Nobel Prize winners. We also attended a reception arranged by the Pakistani community of Glasgow.

At the end of our UK trip, I was compelled to ponder over the differences between our national traits and theirs. We found them to be ethically upright, highly disciplined and punctual.

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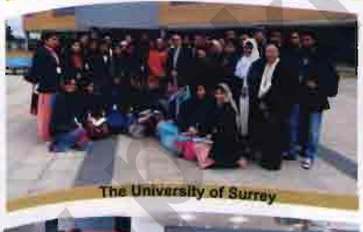
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The University of Glasgow

The British Parliament

The King's College, London

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Sifa University, Turkey

Pakistani High Commission, UK

President House, Berlin

Reception at British Heritage Centre, Manchester

Media House, Berlin

Natural Museum London

Oxford University

Pakistani Embassy in Berlin

IQBAL'S MAUSOLEUM: Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman is escorted by the Naval Guards as he visits Iqbal's mausoleum to pay homage to the Poet of the East on his 134th birth anniversary.

Iqbal's philosophy guarantees Muslim renaissance

● *Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman pays homage to Poet of the East on his 134th birth anniversary*

Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, the Vice Chancellor of Government College University, Lahore, has said Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal's philosophy guarantees the Muslim renaissance. "His deliberations both in verse and prose fuel the imagination of the Muslim Ummah, particularly his poetry composed in Urdu and Persian spell out the manifesto for purposeful change." Prof Khaleeq was talking to media during his visit to Iqbal's mausoleum to pay homage to the great Old Ravian and Poet of the East on his 134th birth anniversary. The Vice Chancellor said that it was up to the Muslim youth today to seek light from Iqbal's philosophy and guarantee the revival of scientific, technological and social advancement. Prof Khaleeq added that the "Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam" was Iqbal's seminal work which was still quite pertinent for the Pakistani polity suffering from the menace of fanaticism. Later, the Vice Chancellor offered fateha for the soul of the great national poet and laid floral wreath. He also recorded his views in the visitors' book. Iqbal's famous poem *"Lap pe aati hai dua ban ke tamanna meri – Zindgi shama ki surat ho Khudaya meri"* (My heart's desire comes to my lips as a prayer – the Almighty Allah, make my life as one of a candle, a guiding light) was also part of his message that he wrote in the Visitors' Book.

IQBAL'S MAUSOLEUM: A delegation of GCU Majlis-e-Iqbal visits the Iqbal's mausoleum on his 74th death anniversary to pay tribute to the services of the great poet.

VC addresses Intermediate students

"Allama Iqbal's philosophy is beacon of light for youth"

Government College University, Lahore Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman has said that Allama Muhammad Iqbal's philosophy serves as a beacon of light for the Muslim youth in the contemporary world and students should seek guidance from it. The Vice Chancellor was addressing the students of intermediate Part II at the university's Bukhari Auditorium. Prof. Khaleeq said that the youth ought to equip them with the latest scientific knowledge to revolutionise the societal landscape. He also stressed that sociological grooming was no less significant than scientific education. "If we are to take the genie of extremism by the horns we have to assign equal value to humanities and social sciences," he added.

GCU publishes books on Iqbal

The Government College University Lahore Urdu Department has published two books on Allama Muhammad Iqbal titled as "Iqbal studies in the international context" and "Iqbal and Dr Rafiud Din". The books were written by GCU Department of Urdu Chairperson Dr Shafiq Ajmi. A launching ceremony of these books was held at the GCU Fazl-e-Hussain Reading Room. Punjab University Professor Emeritus Prof Dr Khawaja Muhammad Zakria was the chief guest at the books launch while GCU Dean Faculty of Science and Technology Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq was also present. Addressing the ceremony, GCU Distinguished Professor of Arabic Prof Dr Khurshed-ul-Hassan Rizvi said "idealism and individualism are the two extremes which one ought to refrain from since a balanced approach can only take us forward." Noted critics Prof Dr Tabbassum Kahsmiri and Prof Dr Saadat Saeed also addressed the ceremony.

FAZL-E-HUSSAIN READING ROOM: GCU Dean Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq presents shield to Prof Dr Khawaja Muhammad Zakria at the books launch.

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OVAL: A group of GCU students poses for a photo with MNA Hamza Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister's Special Assistant on Education Zaeem Qadri, Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and others after receiving their laptops.

Grand laptop distribution ceremony

Laptops distributed among 3,482 GCU students

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GCU holds seminar on '*Fiqr-e-Iqbal*'

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- *Iqbal is to the Muslims what Shakespeare is to the English: Prof Khursheed Rizvi*

The Government College University Lahore organised a one-day seminar on "Iqbal's Philosophy and Contemporary Pakistan," (Fiqr-e-Iqbal and Aaj Ka Pakistan) to enlighten the youth about the visionary thoughts of the great national poet. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the seminar while PML-N Member National Assembly Ahsan Iqbal was the Chief Guest. Opening the seminar, the members of Nazir Ahmad Music Society (NAMS) presented several poems of Allama Muhammad Iqbal which were composed by GCU music maestro Tariq Suleman Khan Farani, while the orators from GCU Debating Society presented an oratorical rendition of Iqbal's verses in the tradition of the legendary Zulfiqar Bokhari and Zia Mohyuddin. Addressing the seminar, Mr Ahsan pointed that Allama Muhammad Iqbal had made four invaluable contributions for the Pakistan movement. He emancipated the South Asian Muslims from the slavish mentality and revived their faith in their collective strength. Secondly, he advised them to take up untiring struggle in every walk of life and preserve their self-esteem at all cost. Thirdly, he asserted that a separate homeland for the Muslims of South Asia was indispensible. Last but not the least, Allama Iqbal persuaded the Quaid-i-Azam to lead the movement for the independence of South Asian Muslims when the Quaid-i-Azam had settled down in Britain due to disillusionment, Ahsan Iqbal said. Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that Iqbal's concept of Khudi guided us to regain our lost glory. "His philosophy tells how to set right the affairs of politics, economy and education in line with the injunctions of Islam," he added. The Vice Chancellor asserted that it was knowledge and creativity rather than wealth and weapons that afforded superiority to any nation in the current age. Therefore, we must strive for academic excellence in the light of Iqbal's vision. Noted critic Prof Dr Saadat Saeed said that the eradication of economic exploitation was the corner stone of Iqbal's political thought. He had predicted the fall of capitalism and communism since both these regimes were contravenes to the principles of natural justice. Prof Dr Khursheed Rizvi opined that Iqbal was to the Muslims what Shakespeare was to the English. "No other thinker or poet in the Muslim tradition has ever come close to the pedestal where destiny has placed Iqbal," he added. GCU Urdu Department Chairperson Dr Shafiq Ajmi also addressed the seminar.

Laptop Distribution

Only IT-led education can bring silent, positive and peaceful 'change' in Pakistan which everybody is demanding for, said Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman while addressing the Laptop Distribution Ceremony at the Government College University Lahore. Old Ravian MNA Hamza Shahbaz Sharif was the Chief Guest of the ceremony which was organised at the historical GCU Oval Ground to give away laptops to 3,482 eligible students. Addressing the ceremony, Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that Pakistan was engulfed by multi fierce crises of colossal magnitude, but fortunately the Punjab government had decided to address the root cause of all these problems i.e. lack of quality education. "Believe or not, it is only through the dint of education that the menace of poverty, infrastructural disarray, corruption and bigotry can be eradicated through a silent revolution," he said.

Addressing the ceremony, Hamza Shahbaz Sharif said that "Pakistan would have been a peaceful and developed state, if $ 10 billion, wasted on war-on-terror, were spent on education." He said that distribution of 125,000 laptops on the basis of pure merit was not a scheme, rather it was a vision to empower the youth to change the destiny of Pakistan. He reminisced that he was just 19 when his political rivals put him behind the bars. "That was the time when I resolved to bring a meaningful change in the lives of voiceless masses of Pakistan," he said.

He added that 0.2 million engineers, scientists and doctors produced by the universities and colleges of Pakistan every year were the true leaders of the nation who can guide us out of the quagmire pessimism, economic and social decline. Hamza also attributed his academic advancement to the exemplary grooming afforded to the students in the four walls of GCU. Recalling his admission at London School of Economics, he quoted a British Professor as saying that "the Ravians are as good as the best students of the world."

Saad-ul-Hassan, the most outstanding orator of GCU, was also given a chance to highlight the emotions and thinking of youth at the ceremony.

He believed that the laptop scheme must be considered beginning or the first step, whereas the youth desperately needs their due-share in policy-making and implementation, which would accelerate the pace of our progress.

Special Assistant to Chief Minister on Education Zaeem Qadri also attended the ceremony which was marked by the live musical performances of the singers of GCU Nazir Ahmad Music Society.

BUKHARI AUDITORIUM: GCU EFT President Iqbal Z Ahmad addresses the annual fund-raiser.

GCU-EFT raises Rs 10m for deserving students

- *Endowment fund swells to Rs 128m*
- *Iqbal Z Ahmad donates Rs 2m*

The Government College University Lahore Endowment Fund Trust (GCU-EFT) has raised an amount of Rs 10 million for those deserving students who cannot afford their educational expenses. The amount was collected at a fund-raiser chaired by Punjab Governor and Old Ravian Sardar Muhammad Latif Khosa while Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, EFT President Iqbal Z Ahmad, Secretary Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt and noted businessmen from all over the country attended the annual event. Speaking on the occasion, the Punjab governor said it was the Bukhari Auditorium of GCU where he was schooled to deliver public speeches with confidence as well as remain tolerant towards criticism. "This is a place where I have been hooted at as well as cheered on (by the audiences)," he added. Prof Dr Rahman said the university endowment fund had swelled to Rs128 million with the efforts of Old Ravians. EFT Executive Committee President Iqbal Z Ahmad announced a donation of Rs 2 million to the GCU Endowment Fund. The Warid Telecom, Allied Bank and Bank Al-Habib also pledged to initiate golden scholarships for needy students, while scores of Old Ravians including Main Misbah, Mian Ashraf and Mian Muzaffar gave away donations of Rs 0.1 million to the trust.

Warid donates Rs 0.8m to GCU Endowment Fund

The Warid Telecom joined hands with the Government College University Lahore Endowment Fund Trust (GCU EFT) to support education and donated the trust Rs 800,000.

Warid Telecom Sales and Distribution Head Amer Aman Khan handed over a cheque of Rs 0.8 million to Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman at a graceful ceremony at the GCU Syndicate Committee Room.

GCU EFT Executive Committee Secretary Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt and Warid officials including Iqtidar Raja also attended the ceremony. Speaking at the occasion, Amer Aman Khan said that Warid was not just a telecom company but a "life ka network" and the youth was the most important part of this network. He also pledged that the Warid would give more donations to the GCU Endowment Fund Trust to support its great cause.

Bank Al-Habib donates Rs 1m to GCU-EFT

The Bank Al-Habib has donated Rs one million to the GCU Endowment Fund for initiating a life-time golden scholarship. The perpetual golden scholarship to be named after the Bank would be given to a GCU deserving student every year on merit. The golden scholarship covers the university fee as well as hostel expenses of a student. Bank Al-Habib General Manager (Central) handed over a cheque of Rs one million to GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, while GCU EFT EC Secretary Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt was also present. "This is the second golden scholarship donated by the private bank (Bank Al-Habib) to GCU-EFT and they have pledged to donate a scholarship every year, so that deserving students can continue their studies without any financial burden," said Dr Khalid Butt.

Donors Gallery

GCU-EFT gives away scholarships to 150 students

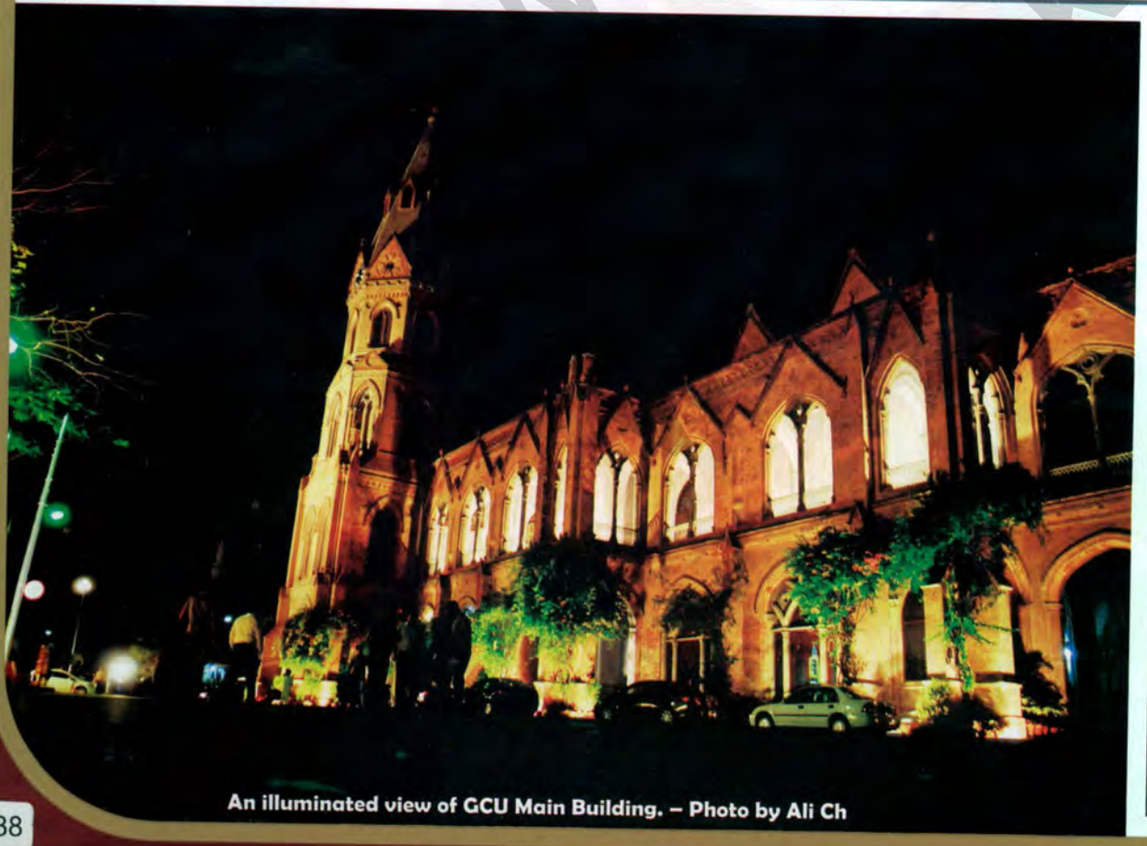
- *Ifthikar A Malik initiates golden scholarship in name of his father Malik Muhmmad Shafi*

The Government College University, Lahore Endowment Fund Trust (GCU-EFT) this year gave away scholarships worth Rs 5 million to more than 150 financially-challenged students. A ceremony was organised by GCU-EFT to give away cheques to the students recommended by the GCU Financial Aid Committee for scholarships. SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry Vice President Ifthikar Ali Malik was the chief guest of the ceremony while the donors of the GCU EFT were also present. Addressing the ceremony, Dr Khalid Butt said that the scholarships had been given purely on merit after the interview of candidates by the GCU Financial Aid Committee which comprised of five chairpersons. He said that all documents of applicants from income certificates to utility bills were examined in detail by the committee, so that only truly deserving students should get the scholarships. Addressing the ceremony, Ifthikar Ali Malik announced donating Rs one million to GCU-EFT to initiate a life-time golden scholarship in the name of his father the late Malik Muhmmad Shafi. He said that in developed countries, people donated their all property to hospitals and educational institutions. However, he said, culture of supporting education was yet to be developed in Pakistan. Later, the GCU-EFT took an undertaking from all the scholarship-holders that they after entering into their professional lives would return the scholarships to the Endowment Fund, so that other students could draw benefits from it.

Zia Haider Rizvi donates Rs 1.5m to GCU-EFT

Eminent lawyer and Old Ravian Zia Haider Rizvi donated Rs 1.5 million to the Government College University, Lahore Endowment Fund Trust (GCU-EFT) for initiating a life-time golden scholarship in the name of noted Urdu critic and his maternal grandfather Maulana Muhammad Hussain Azad and a lifetime silver scholarship in the name of his father Justice (r) Jameel Hussain Rizvi.

Zia Haider Rizvi handed over cheque of Rs 1.5 million to Vice Chancellor Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman at a graceful ceremony at GCU. GCU EFT Executive Committee Secretary Dr Khalid Manzoor But was also present on the occasion.



An illuminated view of GCU Main Building. – Photo by Ali Ch

ABL donates Rs one million for deserving

The Allied Bank of Pakistan (ABP) donated Rs one million to the Government College University, Lahore Endowment Fund Trust (GCU-EFT) for initiating a life-time golden scholarship for deserving students. The perpetual golden scholarship to be named after the Allied Bank of Pakistan will be given to a GCU deserving student every year on merit. The scholarship will cover the university fee as well as hostel expenses of a student. Allied Bank of Pakistan executive Zia Ijaz handed over the cheque of Rs one million to GCU EFT Executive Committee Secretary Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt. This is the second golden scholarship donated by ABL to EFT.

SALAM HALL: Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and Prof Dr Abdul Majid Awan cut a cake at the GCU's 148th Birthday. Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Butt is also present.

GCU's 148th Founders' Day celebrations

The Government College University, Lahore, the oldest seat of liberal learning in Pakistan, turned 148 years old on January 1, 2012. It opened its eyes as Government College Lahore in the Haveli (palace) of Dhayan Singh in the Walled City. The present gothic-style majestic building of GCU was completed in 1877 on 3,700 square feet in the north of Soldiers Garden (Gol Bagh) with a cost of Rs 320,000. The college was initially affiliated with the University of Calcutta as there was no university in this part of the sub-continent at that time. The Government College Lahore was raised to the status of a university in 2002 and was renamed as the Government College University Lahore. From first principle Dr G W Lietner to third Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, as many as 27 heads have served this great institution. Talking to media, Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, the second Vice Chancellor of GCU, said that the academic travel which was started in 1864 with just nine students and three teachers produced hundreds of literary figures, politicians, two nobel laureates, five prime ministers, jurists, sportsmen and scientists. He said the college had been established on the pattern of Cambridge and Oxford and it was available in historical records that it was decided that all students of this college would be given 10 to 15 rupees scholarship annually. In the first year, the fee of the college was Rs 2 annually, which was deducted from scholarships of the students. Keeping in view this very historical perspective of this educational institution, Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman in fiscal year 2011-12 slashed GCU students' fee by almost 35 percent besides increasing scholarships for them. He proudly said that Poet of the East Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Faiz Ahmad Faiz, NM Rashid, Patras Bukhari, Ashfaq Ahmad, Qudsia Bano, Prof Dr Abdus Salam, the only Pakistani Nobel Laureate, Chief Justice M R Kyani, Chief Justice Naseem Hassan Shah, Justice (r) Javed Iqbal, Justice (r) Khalil-ur-Rahman Ramday and Chief Justice (r) Khawja Muhammad Sharif are Old Ravains. He said that tennis star Aisam-ul-Haq, cricketers Amir Sohail, Ramiz Raja, Inzimam-ul-Haq and Salim Malik were also Old Ravains. The GC University Lahore also produced five prime ministers namely Feroz Khan Noon, Yousaf Raza Gillani, Nawaz Sharif, Zafar Ullah Khan Jamali and Moeen Qureshi besides hundreds of political leaders including Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, Hanif Ramay, former governor Salman Taseer and Punjab Governor Sardar Latif Khan Khosa . If you come to performing arts, noted Indian actor Dev Anand, Rafi Peer, Syed Imtiaz Ali Taj, Shafqat Amanat Ali, Ali Zafar, Hadiqa Kyani and Jawad Ahmad also studied from Government College Lahore. The VC said that it needed a whole day to name all the prominent old students of this great institution. Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman also chaired a grand ceremony held to celebrate the 148th Founders' Day of Government College Lahore at the Abdus Salam Hall. Prof Dr Abdul Majid Awan, the former principal of Government College Lahore, was the Chief Guest at the celebrations which was attended by all head of departments. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Awan shared the experiences of his 12-year stay at the Government College Lahore as principal.

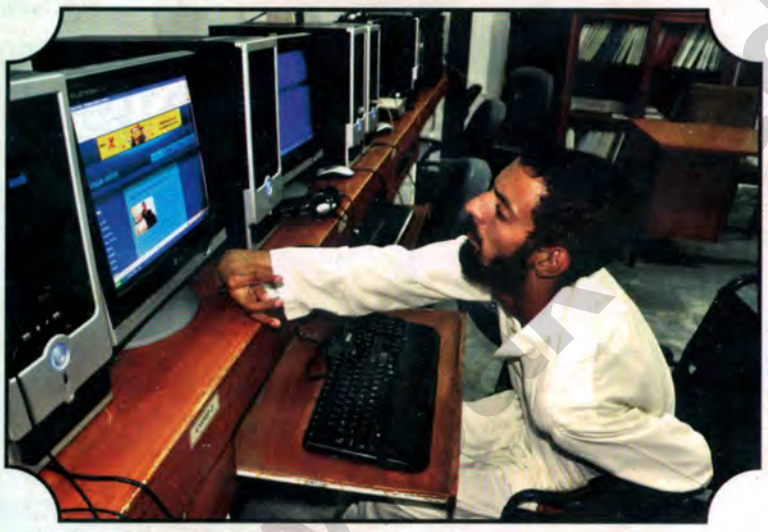
GCU's role in making Pakistan a nuclear power

In his message on Government College University's birthday, eminent nuclear scientist and Old Ravians Union President, Dr Samar Mubarikmand highlighted the biggest contribution of GC University Lahore in the history of Pakistan, saying that "out of 140 experts who carried nuclear explosions in 1998, as many as 60 were old Ravians and their team leader (Dr Samar Mubarikmand) who pressed the button for explosions was also the former student of the Government College Lahore." Moreover, the prime minster (Nawaz Sharif), who ordered to carry out explosions, was also an Old Ravian. The GCU Centre for Advance Studies in Physics also played a vital role in nourishing top-class scientists for Pakistan's nuclear programme. The centre began as the "High Tension Laboratory" in 1954.

Courage Personified

Waqas Ahmad challenges disability

"I was discouraged, ignored and hated many times but I never quit. I take pride in the fact that I never ceased struggle. Despite lacking physical normaley, I, invariably, try to contribute in any way I can. I never depended on anyone. I find myself better than many sad-faced youths who never exploited their potentials. According to me, disabled is not the one who can't work, disabled is the one who doesn't work. So, I would say, don't be a burden but be the one who bears it. Never give up because life doesn't pardon losers. I am spending best days of my life at my alma mater, GCU."



Waqas Ahmad, a student of BA (Hons) Urdu final year at the Government College University Lahore, whose life moves on with a push of a button of his wheel chair, has never stopped in life. His impairment failed to baffle him rather he mystified his disability. The lion-hearted young inspiration refused to be fatalistic and exhibited his firm believe in struggle and reward. Soon after his birth, his parents realised that he is a handicapped.

They were worried about his future but when Waqas realised it, instead of talking it to heart, he kept his disability in his mind and resolved to move ahead with the full force. The brave soul never let him fall in the valley of despair but cleared path for his travel in life. Out of blur, he recognised his destination. Out of every NO, he dug out a YES for himself. Words like impossible and disability do not find any place in his dictionary.

He is how lion could've been if he had born disabled.

Talking about himself Waqas says, "photography is my passion. I love reading history books and most of all, travelling is my life. My longest journey, so far, is that of 3 days when I rested for 4 hours only. I travelled from Lahore to Peshawar and then went back to Islamabad and from Islamabad went to Muree and then returned to Lahore. Keeping in mind, the quandaries I confronted in my life, I established an NGO to save other handicapped from facing the same difficulties."

Centre for Special Students - a blessing for visually-impaired students

GCU teaches visually-impaired students computer

The Government College University Lahore Centre for Special Children (GCU CSS) digitalised curriculum and general-knowledge books for visually-impaired students besides printing them in Braille. These students can listen to these books on computer without any special assistance of other students. CSS instructor Salman Khalid, who is MA English from GCU and also visually-impaired, said that the Centre had also started facilitating GCU blind students in taking their exams. The centre trains them in using the computer with the help of screen-reading software, so that they can take their papers on computer.

Prof Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman's visit to CSS

GCU is the only university in Pakistan who has Centre for Special Children and is offering such kind of high-tech facilities to visually-impaired students. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman is providing extensive funds to the centre, so that it can provide maximum facilities to the special children. The centre surprises its visitors when they see blind students sending and receiving emails, chatting and browsing without any help. Salman Khalid said that the centre was also providing lectures to blind students in mp3 format, so that they can listen to them again and again. The centre also has a six volume English to Urdu Braille dictionary for its blind students. The GCU visually-impaired students term the centre a blessing, saying that only visually-impaired students can understand its true importance.

Story of four 'Hafiz-i-Quran' brothers studying at GCU

Vision impaired, but courage intact

The merciful Mother Nature equalises human endowments: if it takes away one faculty, it strengthens the other. "It has deprived us of our eyesight, but gifted us with tremendous vision "power of imagination. Name any object and we get an instant image in our mind," says Salman, one of the four vision-impaired brothers studying at the Government College University Lahore. The four brothers, Salman Siddiqui, Moaz Siddiqui and twins Zaid Siddiqui and Khizar Siddiqui, are victims of a genetic disorder that runs in their family due to cousin marriages. Still, they personify hope for all. They believe that no disability can stand in one`s way if one has the will to achieve something. The Siddiqui brothers could be the role models for many who are suffering from impaired vision. The white cane symbolises safety, mobility, resistance and independence of every visually challenged individual. The White Cane Day is celebrated world over in the memory of the victims of the World War-II in which incalculable number of people and soldiers lost their eyesight as a direct consequence of toxic fumes released by nuclear weapons. Though special emphasis and immense importance on educating physically disabled individuals of the society is given world over, a very few initiatives have been taken in Pakistan over the last many years to transform the physically challenged people into quality human resource. However, there have always been examples that became the guiding spirit for others and Siddiqui brothers are such examples to be followed blindly. Despite all hardships in their lives, they remained steadfast and persistent in the pursuance of their goals. With their hard work and sheer determination, all four brothers are Hafiz-i-Quran and now studying at the GCU, Lahore. Zaid and Khizar are in FA, part-I, whereas Moaz and Salman are enrolled in BA (Honours) Political Science and BA (Honours) English, respectively. Salman wants to become a journalist, while Moaz and the twins "Zaid and Khizar" want to join their alma mater as teachers because they believe that teaching is the noblest of all professions. Speaking about their childhood and early education, the Siddiqui brothers told Dawn that they faced immense difficulties but their parents and family members kept their spirits high. Saying that mathematics remained a dry and boring subject for them, they narrated their mischievous activities in their childhood that they still cherish. Moaz said their parents inculcated the instinct of self-belief and independence in them. He said they were brought up in a way that they would take care of themselves and each other when needed. Zaid said he topped the matriculation examination among the disabled and was awarded a cash prize of Rs 300,000 by the chief minister. However, he said he was not happy with the examination system of the Lahore Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education. He said separate examination should be conducted for the visually impaired candidates. He said it used to be very difficult for them to arrange writers. However, they were not allowed to take papers on computers or in Braille. They said the main reason they all joined the GCU was its Centre for Special Students that was helping the disabled compete with their university fellows. They said their course books, magazines and journals and even internet browsing was available in the centre. At the centre, they said, they could get copies of any material in Braille.They commended the efforts of CSS in-charge Salman Khalid and the Vice Chancellor. According to them, the centre is a perfect place for an undergraduate to research for his projects. "We not only get our question papers in Braille but also have the translators, who can sit with us in examination hall or use the option of sitting in the centre and attempting the papers," they say. They just say the number of computers should be increased in the centre.

Capital Talk: Geo News pays tribute to GCU for teaching special students

79 visually-impaired students studying at GCU: VC

- **University relaxes rules & merit to grant admissions to special students: Prof Khaleeq**

Hamid Mir, an eminent Old Ravian, hosted GEO NEWS famous talk show "Capital Talk" in GCU Bukhari Auditorium to highlight the achievements and success stories of visually-impaired persons.

The programme invited visually-impaired individuals of the society who delivered their profound services in various spheres of life. Hamid Mir also invited GCU Vice

Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman to the show as special guest and paid tribute to the valuable services GCU has offered to facilitate the visually-impaired persons.

The VC said that besides other special students, as many 79 visually-impaired students, were studying at GCU and the university had set up a state-of the-art Centre for Special Students (CSS) to facilitate them. He said university relaxed rules and merit to grant admission to these special students. .

UET CONVOCATION HALL: The members of GCU Dramatics Club chant a slogan *"Pakistan Zindabad"* as Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, raises from his seat to congratulate them on their performance. (Down Left) A GCU student Saba Shafqat, dressed in pink and green clothes, leads a group of vocalists at the youth seminar. (Down Right) The vice chancellors of GCU, UoE and PU attend the seminar.

GCUDC's "Kal Kay Quaid" met with loud applause

• Nawaz Sharif raises from seat and appreciates performance of GCU students

A play "Kal Kay Quaid", staged by the Government College University Lahore Dramatics Club (GCUDC), met with a loud applause at the youth seminar organised by the Punjab government at the University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Lahore Convocation Hall to mark the birth anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Former prime minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif was the Chief Guest, while Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran, GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and University of Education (UoE) Lahore VC Prof Dr Faiz-ul-Hasan were also present. The GCUDC play, "Kal Kay Quaid", presented four youngsters from different social backgrounds, discussing their future prospects in the country. Anam, a third-year student is irritated by the scarcity of public transport. Her classmate, Nouman, comments that the transport system is reflective of the stagnation in the society, and presents a picture of the dismal state the country is in. Anam retorts, saying that if the country is going now here, it is the responsibility of the youth to steer it to prosperity. Nouman, nonetheless, is relentless in his criticism of the country, and is joined in his carping by Omar, an indifferent pessimistic student of computer sciences.

While the three are arguing, a "malang" sitting nearby butts in the conversation. He reminds Nouman that it is this country, regardless of the prevailing political turmoil, that has afforded him with education. It is on the basis of this education that he is applying for immigration to a foreign country. The gist of his argument is that the country needs the efforts of the youth, and not incessant pessimism, to lead it to prosperity. This was the message of the Quaid that the youth of the nation had unfortunately forgotten. Anam and the "Malang" finally convince Nouman and Omar to make untiring efforts for the country. Nouman decides not to apply for immigration. The play ended with Junoon's song "Azadi" to which the audience gave a thunderous applause. To everyone's surprise, the chief guest, Nawaz Sharif, rose from his seat and went to the performers of GCU Dramatics Club to congratulate them on their performance. The cast of the play included Nayab Faiza, Sauud Ijaz, Omar Shahzad and Tasawar Iqbal. The production team of the play was Mariam Darakshan, Saad Jamal, Fatima Tahir, Zohaib Zafar, Ali Khadim, Usman Khadim and Wajiha Komal. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman expressed pleasure over the tremendous performance of the GCUDC and congratulated all its hardworking members.

'Sazaa Yaab' - dilemma of a rape victim

The Dramatics Club of GCU this year staged "Sazaa Yaab". The Urdu play highlights dilemmas and excruciating circumstances faced by rape victims. The play also chastises quackery, discrepancies in judicial system, gender discrimination and sensationalisation of human miseries by media. Saza Yaab begins in the courtyard of the home where Nazim Sher Samand is tossing and turning in his sleep. Suddenly, he calls out his family members claiming that a mysterious sign is appearing on his chest. His wife and grandson dismiss him as a lunatic. The lights dim and play goes twenty years in the past where Samand is launching a tirade against Akifa Chaudhry, alleging that she dresses inappropriately and works late hours in an office. The course of events leads to Akifa's gang rape at the hands of masked men. Akifa's neighbours, led by Nazim Sher Samand excommunicate her and covertly paint a cross on her door, marking the household as outcasts. Act III opens in a courtroom. Akifa has filed a petition against the people of her locality. Akifa has just two witnesses to support her rape claim: an autistic youth called Bhola, played by Omar Ijaz, and eunuch named Khushboo, played by Omar Shahzad. The defence counsel dismisses Bhola's testimony on the grounds of mental instability. Since Khushboo is not biologically a "complete" man, her testimony carries half the weight. Akifa's case is dealt a further blow by the pompous community leader Nazim Sher Samand, who launches a tirade against the victim's character. The court dismisses Akifa Chaudhry's petition on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

'Developmental Psychology'

Psychologists deliberate on human behavior

The first International Conference on 'Developmental Psychology' was held at the Government College University, Lahore under the auspices of Psychology Department and Dr Ajmal Psychological Society. The two-day international conference brought together psychologists from Germany, USA and across Pakistan at one platform to deliberate on various aspects of human behavior and growth. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the opening session of the conference that featured five academic sessions wherein 109 research papers were presented. Addressing the opening ceremony, world-renowned psychologist and Psychology Department Chairperson Prof Dr Asir Ajmal said the problems of regional identity, ethnic conflict, bad governance, injustice, gender-violence, intolerance and corruption couldn't be solved through science and technology – we also needed to have original, indigenous and inter-disciplinary research in the areas of social sciences to make Pakistan a peaceful and prosperous state. He said that the success of a conference was often mistakenly gauged by number of reseparch papers presented in it and overall participation. However, he stressed that quality of research papers should be given more weight. "GCU judges the quality of research by its ability to bolster claims, illuminate understanding, and add credibility to speech," he added. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said intolerance, egoistic attitudes and greed were destroying the social fabric of our society. "I consider psychologists as reformers of the society and it is their responsibility to give ideas and policies through indigenous research to form and maintain a healthy society," he added. The Vice Chancellor directed the organising committee to publish the recommendations of this conference, so that they can be widely circulated and used for common good. He also termed the conference an opportunity for young scholars to interact with well known psychologists and learn from their knowledge and experiences. Later, researchers addressed highly critical issues of students and children psychology and presented papers on the topics including "Who is Almighty Allah? Prevailing concept among children of Pakistan", "Emotional intelligence as determinant of achievement in secondary school children", "Psychology distress and life satisfaction in parents of children with intellectual disability", "Good news for mothers who tell stories: children vocabulary and mother's storytelling", "Difference in cognitive dissonance among male and female adolescents while watching satellite television" and "Cognitive reappraisal & expressive suppression: relationship with symptoms of depression, anxiety & stress in university students".

New edition of Journal of Political Science

VC assures faculty members of extensive funds for research

The Political Science Department(PSD) published the new edition of its decades-old research journal, Journal of Political Science, which includes research papers in the fields of political science, international relations, international political economy, current affairs, strategic studies, women studies, sociology, and history. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the inaugural ceremony of the research journal, while PSD Chairperson Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt was also present . Addressing the ceremony, the vice chancellor assured the GCU faculty members that despite the budget cuts and economic crunch, there would be no shortage of funds in GCU for quality research projects. Dr Khalid Butt said that the research journal was speedily getting international recognition and noted that social scientists, including Dr Joe Hill from Bonn University Germany, Dr Chanchal Kumar Sharma from Centre for Multilevel Federalism India, Dr Ibrahim Abu Bakar from National University of Malaysia, Dr Syed Farooq Hasnat from Middle East Institute, Washington, Dr Conrad Justus Schetter from Bonn University Germany, Dr Tahir Kamran from Cambridge University UK,Dr Hassan Askari Rizvi and Dr Rasul Bakhsh Rais were included in its advisory board.

Urdu Department publishes "Tahqeeq Nama"

10th edition dedicated to distinguished Urdu poet N.M Rashid

The GC University published 10th edition of its Urdu literary research journal "Tahqeeq Nama". The edition was dedicated to distinguished modern Urdu poet, N.M Rashid. The journal also contains a section which sheds light on life and works of Rashid. His philosophy and his poetic craft have been presented thread-bare by noted critics, including Prof Dr Tabassum Kashmiri, Prof Dr Rasheed Amjad, Prof Dr Saadat Saeed, Prof Dr M. Fakharul Haq Noori, Dr Haroon Qadir, Dr Saima Irum, Nasreen Rashid, Prof Ziaul Hassan and Dr Saeed Tahir. The journal also contains articles on a rare manuscript of Wajid Ali Shah's Masnavi, critical appreciation of Hafiz Mahmood Sherani, Abdul Haleem Sharar, Sajjad Haider Yaldram and Shaukat Sidiqque. "Tahqeeq Nama" is an HEC recognised journal of international repute and its advisory board includes noted Urdu researchers from Osaka University of Foreign Studies, Japan; Anarka University, Turkey; Punjab University Oriental College and Tokyo University, Japan.

Prof Dr Khaleeq-u-Rahman acknowledged the research acumen of eminent Urdu scholars who had explored the literary as well as linguistic nuances of Urdu language and literature in the research journal.

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1,100 zoologists participate in Int'l congress

The dengue epidemic may hit Lahore more fiercely this year as scientists and researchers have found that one of every three Aedes Aegypti female mosquitoes and Aedes albopictus female mosquitoes are infected with dengue virus. This was stated by GCU Zoology Department Chairperson Prof Dr Nusrat Jahan while presenting her research paper at a special technical session on dengue control and treatment on the opening day of the three-day 32nd Pakistan Congress of Zoology being organised by the GCU Zoology Department, Zoological Society of Pakistan (ZSP) and Higher Education Commission. For research purposes, Prof Jahan said they had collected female mosquitoes from various localities of Lahore and screened them for the dengue virus by using specific monoclonal antibodies. "The results were alarming as they indicated more than 33 per cent infection rate," she said.

"Recommending biological and hormonal control of dengue, Prof Jahan observed that fumigation and sprays should be discouraged as they were more hazardous than the dengue itself. She said that "bio-control" was the use of natural enemies, such as Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (btis) and copepods, to manage mosquito population with a minimum risk to humans, wildlife and the environment. She said that lethal ovitraps and insect growth regulators could also be used to control mosquito population. About the management of critically ill adult patients of dengue shock syndrome, Allama Iqbal Medical College Principal Prof Dr Javed Akram said that dengue fever was not as fatal as was perceived to be; rather, he said, it was the mishandling of patients that made dengue fever fatal. He also highlighted various clinical aspects of dengue fever. ZSP general-secretary Prof Dr AR Shakoori said this was biggest and most prestigious international congress ever held in Pakistan as experts from 13 countries, including the United States, Sweden, India, Switzerland and Afghanistan, were presenting their latest innovative work that would cover all major areas of zoology including entomology and pest management, cell biology, molecular biology, bio-informatics, environmental bio-technology, bioremediation, genetics, toxicology, parasitological, microbiology, physiology, paleontology, environmental biology, wildlife conservation, fisheries and marine biology. ZSP President Prof Dr Afzal Kazmi emphasised on the contribution of young scientists in national development, saying that these congresses were aimed at transferring scientific skill and knowledge to the youth. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said a healthy research culture was being developed in the country and such science conferences and meetings were highly critical in this regard. He expressed pleasure that despite all negative propaganda, more and more international experts were coming to Pakistan and interacting with local experts and youth. Around 1,100 zoologists from home and abroad are participating in the conference. About 400 research papers were presented during the conference of which almost 20 per cent were on dengue epidemic control.

Political Science Department & UN University to organise conference on water

The Government College University, Lahore Department of Political Science has joined hands with United Nations (UN) to hold the biggest ever international conference on "Politics of Water Resources Governance in the Indus Basin" in Pakistan this year. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and UN Institute of Water, Health and Environment Director Dr Adeel Zafar signed an international cooperative agreement to bring into limelight the impending dangers of water scarcity and formulate strategic responses to these problems. The conference also intends to seek critical perspectives on politics of water in the Indus Basin. Political Science Department Chairperson Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt said 'hydraulic

societies' in the basin face multiple challenges in the wake of dwindling water supplies, worsening climatic scenario and bourgeoning population. While briefing about the event, the Department of Political Science chairperson said that the conference would not only help produce critical mass of research in the discipline but also encourage local academics to research and formulate indigenous responses to the challenges posed by water scarcity and politics.The university has yet received 28 papers from international academics for the conference which include Dr. David Gilmartin – a veteran historian with extensive research profile on politics of irrigation, Dr Daniel Haines from University of London, Dr Joseph Hill and Dr Mehmood-ul-Hassan from University of Bonn, Dr Anthony Turton from Free State University South Africa and Dr Rohan D 'Souza from Jawahir Lal Nehru University. Dr Danish Mustafa, a leading academic from Kings College London, will be the keynote speaker at the conference.

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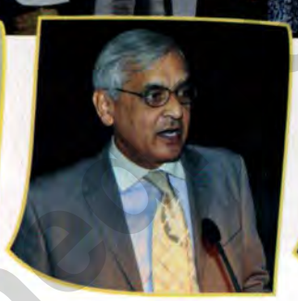


'Role of Botanic Gardens in Conserving Natural Vegetation'

'Native species vanishing from Harapp & Soan Valley'

- **51 research papers presented at nine technical sessions of three-day conference**
- **Botanic Gardens preserved 100,000 plant species all over the world: Shahnawaz**

Government College University, Lahore Institute of Biotechnology Director Prof Dr Ikramul Haq said maintenance of biological diversity was being recognised as the single highest conservation priority the world over but in Pakistan a tiny fraction of resources, both human and financial, is available to environmentalists and biotechnologists to get their job done.

Prof Haq was speaking at the inaugural session of the three-day third international conference on "Role of Botanic Gardens in Conserving Natural Vegetation", organised under the auspices of the Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), Higher Education Commission, Pakistan Horticulture Authority, World Wide Fund for Nature and Pakistan Botanic Gardens Network Secretariat (PBGNS) at GCU.

Prof Haq said all natural areas were bound to face fragmentation and deterioration with increasing frequency, and to tackle them, research in the areas of restoration and climate change was bound to become more and more critical.

Punjab Forestry Department Secretary Shahnawaz Badar said botanic gardens all over the world had preserved documented specimen of 80,000 to 100,000 living plant species, providing material for display, research, education, ex-situ conservation and ecological restoration.

He hoped that this gathering of experts would provide valuable recommendations to the government agencies for devising strategies. He stressed the need for research on reproductive biology and plant-animal interaction to support conservation measures.

He pledged to provide more land and conservation projects to the GCU-Pakistan Botanic Gardens Network Secretariat. He said the department had most recently given two acres to the Lahore College for Women University.

GCU Sustainable Development Study Centre (SDSC) Director Prof Dr Amin Khan said there was a dire need for changing behaviour of local government officials and local community for conservation of local natural habitats.

He said the land degradation was an emerging and serious environmental threat in Pakistan.

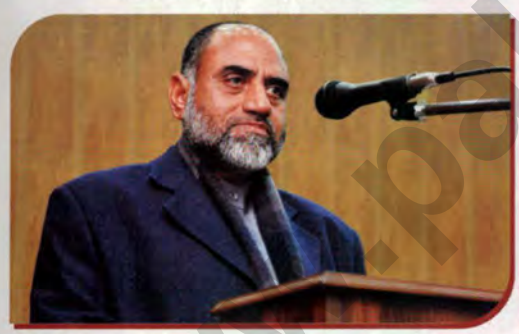
He said the native species including Salvadora oleoides, Tamarix aphylla, Capparis decidua and Prosopis cineraria, Olea cuspidate, Acacia modesta and Butea monosperma were rapidly vanishing from Harappa, Shakargarh and Soan Valley.

He said the GCU experts and students were also involving local communities for enhancing population of these species.

Later, the forestry secretary inaugurated research poster exhibition which was part of the three-day conference. He lauded varsity's postgraduate researches on 'Diversity of Plants at Allama Iqbal International Airport', 'Using Google Earth to monitor tree loss', 'Use of Earthworms for composting of paper and sugar industry waste', 'Transplanted Phoenix trees in Main Boulevard, Gulberg' and 'A case study on biological environment of Lahore Fort'

As many as 51 research papers were presented at nine technical sessions of the conference on topics related to 'Gene Banks', 'Ecotourism', 'Habitat Restoration' and 'Ethno-botany'.

GCU-ASSMS holds Int'l Barbu Conference



The Government College University, Lahore Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences (GCU ASSMS) organised an international conference on "An encounter of Algebra and Geometry" in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission, European Mathematical Society and ICTP, Italy. The conference was dedicated to the eminent mathematician Barbu-Rudolf Berceanu as it was held on the occasion 60th birthday. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the inaugural session of the conference which was aimed at providing a sharing and learning experience in the area of "Groups, Deformations and Invariants".

The coherence was attended by the eminent mathematicians all over the world including Lucian Badescu (Italy), Vasile Brinzanescu (Romania), Matei Daniel (Romania), Alexander Dimca (France), Louis Funar (France), Paltin Ionescu (Romania), Andras Nemethi (Hungary), Vlad Sergiescu (France), Pael Traczyk (Poland) and Tudor Zamfirescu (Germany).

GCU conducting research on biological agents for dengue control

The female mosquito blamed for spreading dengue is an aesthete and is fond of sweet and pleasant smells besides cosmetics applied by women to improve their appearance. "Most women catch dengue because they use cosmetics usually having rich concentration of lactic acid which attracts aedes aegypti. At least, women should avoid make-up in the breeding season of dengue mosquitoes," said Environmental Control Court (ECC) Judge and known environmentalist Dr AR Saleemi at a seminar on "Dengue Prevention and Control" arranged at the Bukhari Auditorium of Government College University, Lahore. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the seminar.

"Carbon dioxide, heat and perspiration have been the other major elements that attract the dengue mosquitoes towards human beings," Dr Saleemi told the seminar also participated in by a good number of girl students. GCU Zoology Department Chairperson Prof Dr Nusrat Jahan recommended biological control of dengue, saying that fumigation was useless because mosquitoes had developed resistance against the chemicals used in fumigation and sprays. After the first outbreak of dengue in 2006, a research was started at the GCU using many biological control agents and results were evaluated on the base of lethal concentrations, percentage larval mortalities and pupae/adult emergence both in laboratory and field bioassays, she said and stressed the need to support the research in the area of medical entomology for developing population management strategies of dengue vectors in Pakistan. Prof Jahan also highlighted the use of `lethal ovitraps' in houses and other places to control mosquitoes' population. "These ovitrap can be made through a black plastic container filled with water containing a thin paddle of wood. The ovitrap could be made lethal for mosquitoes by using chemical or biological insecticides," she added. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said in his presidential remarks that the university would support the research being conducted by its zoology department on biological control of dengue fever.

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Girls outdo boys in academics

- *Secure 13 of 16 academic medals*
- *55 receive PhD degrees*
- *New academic rules implemented as per int'l standards: VC*
- *Says GCU massively improving teaching & admin strategies*

Girls outshined boys in academics at the 10th convocation of the Government College University (GCU) as they clinched top positions in 21 of 26 BA/BSc (Honours) disciplines.

The GCU convocation report highlighted that girls also secured 13 of 16 prestigious academic gold medals and rolls of honour. Boys could secure only three medals. As many as 55 scholars received their PhD degrees at the convocation.

Governor Sardar Latif Khan Khosa, who presided over the convocation proceedings, urged the graduates to pay back to their country which had given them such a great honour. Instead of becoming job seekers, he said, the graduates should come up to become entrepreneurs and create jobs for others. Stating that expenditure on education and youth was actually an investment in the well-being and future of this country, the governor pledged that he would ensure that the federal government, the Higher Education Commission and the Punjab government must give funds for the Kala Shah Kaku campus of the GCU.

"The financial resources for the GCU will never dry-up," he said and added GCU's invaluable contribution in the realm of art and literature had been unparalleled.

GCU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said this was a knowledge-driven world and the divide between the rich and the poor countries was only a "knowledge divide."

"Only those countries that have invested in education have progressed rapidly," he added.

He, however, regretted that Islamic countries on an average were investing only about 0.46 per cent of their GDPs in science and technology, compared to two to four per cent spent by the advanced countries.

Prof Rahman said the most important and potential source of institutional development was industry linkage that had so far been untapped in Pakistan. He said the GCU had plans to take a qualitative leap forward by developing strong linkages with industry through general support, contract research, research centres and institutes, research consortium, industrial affiliated programmes and new business incubators and technology parks. He said the GCU was bringing about a massive improvement in its teaching and administrative strategies. He said a number of bold initiatives had been taken recently which include reduction in students' tuition fee by 35 per cent and hostel dues by 50 per cent.

The vice-chancellor said new examination rules, which were in line with the international norms of the semester system, had been devised and implemented. He said empowerment of academic departments in academic as well as financial affairs had also been done, which was vital for a university. "It will cut down the bureaucratic delays," he added.

Prof Rahman said the doors of GCU were now wide open for other colleges to seek affiliation with the GCU.

Stating that the GCU had attained a distinguished place among Pakistani universities owing to its strong commitment to research work, he said that 792 research articles of GCU faculty and students had appeared in international and national journals during last year. Besides, he said, the GCU faculty published 58 books last year. He also explained varsity's achievements in curricular and co-curricula activities.

Referring to development projects, the vice chancellor said 14 development projects had been completed during 2010-11. "At present, we are implementing various development projects with Rs662.64 million grants from the Punjab government and Rs102.047 million from the HEC.

Later, the governor presented PhD degrees to 55 scholars. The governor also presented academic gold medals as well as rolls of honour for securing first position in their respective BA/BSc (Honours) disciplines.

Tayyaba Lali, Maria Qanita, Ammara Attique, Sayeda Madeeha, Amna Batool, M. Moid Sandhu, Madhia Aftab, Ayesha Zaheer, Sana Iqbal, Nadia, Quratul Ain Shahid, Bushra Mahboob, Rafiullah, Raheema Ijaz, Ziaul Rehman and Ayesha Sultan Bajwa were awarded academic gold medals and rolls of honour for securing first position in their respective disciplines, while Zunaira Tariq, Alina Murtaza, Amna Sarwar, Assadullah, Matiullah, Samiya Shahid, Zahida Abbas, Nimra Baber, Humera Ameer Ali and Quratulain received academic certificates of merit. Vice Chancellors of various universities were also present on the occasion.

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112th Sports begins with Grand March Past

- *Bio-technology wins trophy of Best March Past Contingent*
- *Sportsmanship is more important than winning: Vice Chancellor*

The 112th Annual Sports of the Government College University Lahore this year kicked off at a grand inaugural ceremony at the University Ground. About 3,000 students from 26 departments of GCU took part in the ceremony marked by a grand march-past, sports day oath and athletics meet. The Institute of Bio-technology won the prestigious trophy of Best March Past Contingent while English Department stood second. Department of Statistics, owing to their discipline and uniformity, was adjudicated third. The GCU sportsmen, led by 111th Annual Sports record-holder (Long Jump) Adnan Jahangir, took oath that they would take part in annual games abiding by rules and in the true spirit of sportsmanship for the glory of sports and the honour of their teams. Musicians from Nazir Ahmed Music Society presented a special sports anthem. In his message, Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that sports made students better human beings. He said GCU was made one of the finest sports nurseries for producing and grooming sportsmen for national teams, besides it was involving its students and faculty members in healthy sports activities. He advised his students to never compromise on the standards of sportsmanship. "Sportsmanship is more important than winning an event," he added. Prof Khaleeq said that they had generously increased funds for the sports and co-curricular activities in the university budget.

GCU Sports Board Chairman Prof Dr Ikramul Haq said that the importance given to sports by the developed countries was no less than education.

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Adnan sets new record in Triple Jump

Saddique Akbar of Urdu Department wins 5,000 Metres Race

Physics Department secures first position in 4x100 Metres Staff Relay Race

Adnan Jahangir, an intermediate student, set a new GCU record in Triple Jump on the second day of the GCU 112th Annual Sports. Adnan jumped to 13.75 Metres to pass his previous best of 13.64 Metres that was set last year. Earlier, the record was kept by Farooq Hamid since 1963. Muhammad Saddique Akbar of Urdu Department won the 5,000 Metres race by putting his endurance to test; finishing the race in 17:18:88 seconds. Saddique Akbar also won the 1500 Metres Race by covering the distance in 4:31:00 seconds. However, in 100 Metres final, Muhammad Qasim reached the finishing line in 11:16 seconds which earned him a gold medal. This year too, Adnan Aslam hailing from Urdu Department won the Pole Vault. Intermediate students won the 4x100 Metres Relay while Urdu Department stood second. History repeated itself when Aleem ur Rehman of Geography Department was declared winner of Discus Throw in consecutive years whereas; Khursheed Ahmed from Political Science Department won the 400 Metres Hurdles Race. In Hammer Throw, Intermediate student Irfanullah bagged the first position. His throw covered the distance of 44.75 Metres.

Earlier, team Bio-Technology (girls) secured the first position in 4x100 Metres relay race. The GCU Physics Department faculty members won the 4x100 metres staff relay race. 800 Metres race was won by Geography Department student M Wasim Sajid by covering the distance in 2:05:78 seconds. Saddique Akbar came victorious in 3000 Metres race. In 200 Metres Race, Tariq Mehmood, a student of Intermediate, secured the first position with his impressive timing of 22:00 seconds. Long Jump event was won by Adnan Jahangir. Saad Ali Hassan of Urdu Department bagged the Gold Medal in shot put as the distance was measured up to 9.70 Metres.

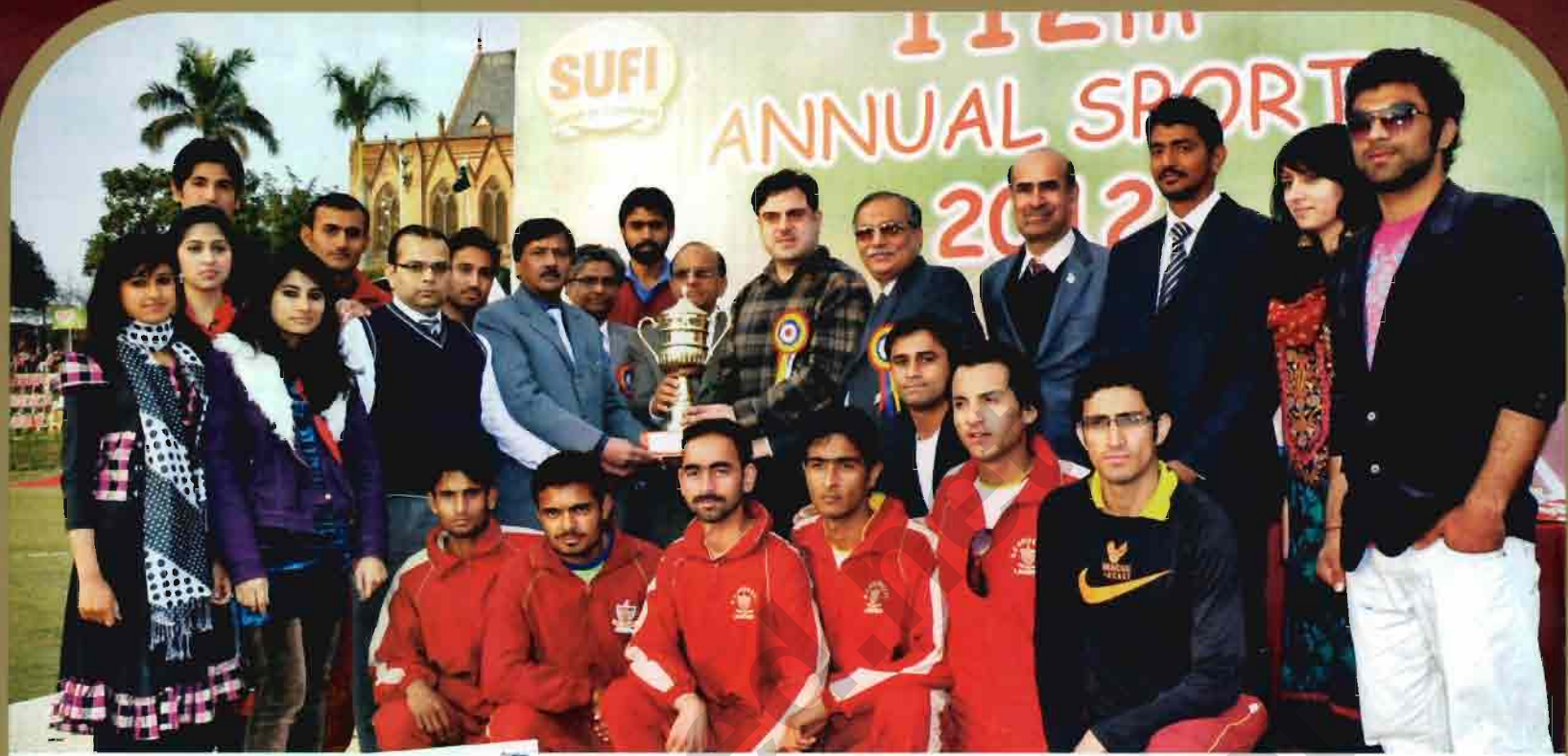
Department of Urdu student Moshin Naveed brought victory to his department in 110-M Hurdle race. Student of Urdu Department Qasim Ali won the high jump event, whereas Altaf Hussain of Political Science Department threw Javelin to 44.40 Metres to secure the top spot. The main event of the day was 4x100 Metres relay race which was won by the Intermediate students.

GCU Annual Bodybuilding Championship

Samiullah wins 'Mr GCU' title

Samiullah, a student of BSc (Hons) Statistics, won the prestigious title of "Mr. GCU 2011-12" at the GCU Annual Bodybuilding Championship. Samiullah flexed his rippling muscles to win the title in the finals of the competition adjudicated by Pakistan Bodybuilding Federation General Secretary Sheikh Farooq Iqbal, Mr Imran Qureshi and Mian Naseer Ahmed. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rehman graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while GCU Sports Board Chairman Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq (S.I), and GCU Registrar Anjum Nisar were also present. Samiullah first bagged the top position in the category of musclemen with over 75kg of weight. Then, he took part in the finals and won the title of Mr GCU Lahore. Talha Fahad, a student of Intermediate, managed to beat tough competitors in the 65Kg category. The performance of Umar Ali hailing from Department of Political Science Department was significant since he pushed his more experienced compatriot into second place in the closely contested competition in 70Kg category. Waseem Afzal of GCU Engineering Department bagged the top position in the 75kg category.

Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rehman appreciated the hard work of the participants and praised their efforts they put in the game of bodybuilding.



Urdu literati & Bio-tech scientists win GCU Sports

- **Old Ravians win Tug of War for third consecutive year**

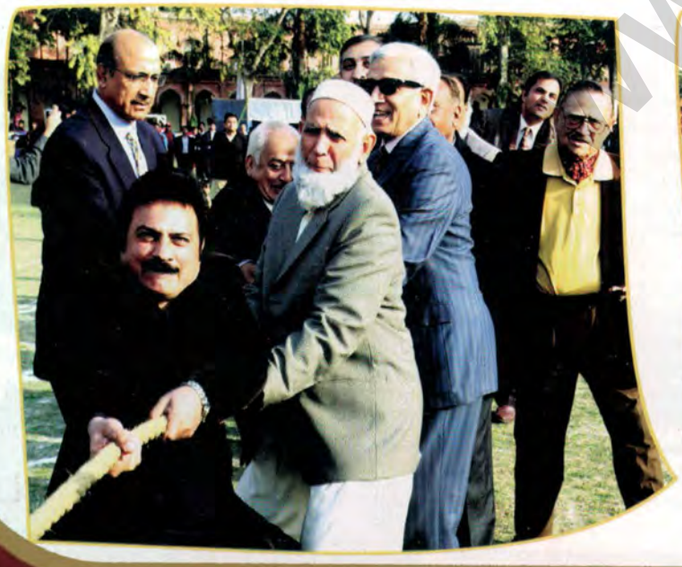
The Urdu Literati and Bio-tech scientists lifted the prestigious general trophy at the closing ceremony of the 112th Annual Sports of the Government College University Lahore chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman. Government College Lahore former principal Abdul Majeed Awan and MNA Bilal Yasin were the guests of honour of the ceremony that was marked by colourful Gymkhana events including Girls Chatti Race, Cricket Ball Throw, Pillow Fighting, Staff Children Race, Wheel Barrow Race, Musical Chair and Old Ravians Handicap Race. Declaring the results of the annual sports, GCU Sports Board Chairman Prof Dr Ikramul Haq said that the Urdu Department's students bagged 13 Gold, 15 Silver and 4 Bronze medals in boys' competitions to win the title while in girls events, Institute of Bio-Technology won 9 Gold, 11 silver and 3 bronze medals on its journey towards the victory stand. However, Muhammad Khursheed from the Political Science Department won the title of Best GCU Athlete 2012. The English Department secured the second position in both competitions among boys and girls. Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said GCU academic calendar was planned in a way that participation in sports did not affect the academics of the students. Later, on the closing day, the feminine competitions of Chatti Race and Musical Chairs were won by Rubina and Aqsa Lodhi. The Tug of War between elderly Old Ravians and GCU Sports Board senior officials remained the most enthralling event of the 112th Annual Sports Day which was won by Old Ravians for the third consecutive year. Nasir Iqbal won the most difficult competition of the day, the Obstacle Race. The Oval Ground resounded with whistles, shrikes and shouts during the Pillow Fight and 60 Metres Race of Old Ravians that was won by Ch Zulfiqar.

GCU shines in Punjab Games

The Government College University, Lahore, maintained its dominance in the Punjab Games 2011-12 held under the patronage of Punjab Olympic Association. The team GCU secured overall second position in the mega sports event besides lifting the trophy of best march-past contingent. The GCU sportsmen performed exceptionally well in Athletics, Basketball, Badminton, Cricket, Football, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Swimming, Squash, Table Tennis, Tennis, and Weightlifting. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated its sportsmen on their tremendous achievement in the event.

Prize Distribution: 4th Inter-departemntal Games

Closing ceremony: 112th Annual Sports



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OVAL: The handball teams of Afghanistan, Tajikistan and GCU pose for a group photo with GCU Sports Board Chairman Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq and Director Sports Khadim Ali Khan.

Handball match played between Afghanistan & GCU

- *Score at the final whistle remained 29-28; in the favour of team Afghanistan*
- *Team Tajikistan and Secretary Pakistan Handball Federation witness the match*

The Sports Department of Government College University, Lahore has hosted a friendly handball match between GCU and Afghanistan at the University's Oval Ground under the patronage of Pakistan Handball Federation. Afghanistan won the match with a meager margin of just one goal. The score at the final whistle remained 29-28; in the favour of team Afghanistan. GCU Sports Board Chairman Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq graced the match with his presence as the Chief Guest. The handball team of Tajikistan and Haji M Shafique, the Secretary of Pakistan Handball Federation, also witnessed the match. Addressing the prize distribution ceremony, Prof Ikram-ul-Haq said that sportsmen are the true diplomats of their country and such friendly matches are important to promote peace and harmony in the country. "Sports always create bridge between two countries," he added. GCU Director Sports Khadim Ali Khan said from GC University Lahore Aurangzeb, Raza, Ijaz, Zahid and Umer Hayat showed some wonderful skills. Later, Prof Ikram-ul-Haq presented shields and souvenirs to the team players and officials.

ASA office inauguration

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman inaugurated the newly-established office of Academic Staff Association (ASA) at the university's faculty guest house. ASA President Prof Dr Hassan A. Shah said that coordination between GCU faculty and administration was exemplary under the leadership of Prof Khaleeq. However, the VC said that ASA should primarily focus on the institutional and academic development of GCU.

Christmas Celebration

The GC University, Lahore first time celebrated Christmas with the university's minority community at a colourful ceremony at the university's Abdus Salam Hall. VC Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman was the Chief Guest of the ceremony which was attended by all faculty members including Georgian Physicist Prof Dr Tamaz Kaladze, ASA President Prof Dr Hassan A. Shah, NGSA President Khaliq Hussain and staff members from minority community.

NGSA office opening

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman inaugurated the office for the University's Non-Gazetted Staff Association (NGSA). Physics Department Chairperson Prof Dr Hassan A Shah, Registrar Anjum Nisar and NGSA President Khaliq Hussain were also present. The vice chancellor said that all employees of the university were equal and united, and together they would put the university on a path leading to national acclaim.

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"Lessons Learnt from the Tennis Tour with Robert Davis"

Aisam-ul-Haq's book launched at GCU

Lessons Learnt from the Tennis Tour with Robert Davis, a book written by national hero and Old Ravian Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi was officially launched at the Government College University Lahore under the auspices of the Old Ravians Union (ORU). Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the book launch attended by the family of Aisam-ul-Haq including her wife Faha Makhdum; who happened to be the granddaughter of Government College Lahore former principal Dr. M. Ajmal. ORU Secretary Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt, Aisam's teacher Prof Dr Aminul Haq, Director Sports Khadim Ali Khan and a large number of Old Ravian sportsmen also attended the ceremony. Aisam-ul-Haq said that he owed his success to his alma mater and teachers. Recalling his college days, Aisam proudly said that he is a recipient of Roll of Honour and a Gold Medal in Tennis from GC University Lahore. "While playing for GCU, I also won the Inter-Collegiate Tennis Championship in the year 1997-1998," he added. He said "GCU inculcates great values of tolerance, respect for other's views and faith, and compassion along with imagination. I am proud to be a Ravian and Pakistani. he added. He also proudly said that his father was also an Old Ravian. VC Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said Aisam was now also acknowledged as an Ambassador of Peace— something that we wished every Ravian to be. Prof Dr Aminul Haq, who admitted Aisam to Government College Lahore, said that Aisam was as good in academics as he was in sports and always secured A+ grade in all his examinations.

HEC Boxing Championship

The Government College University Lahore has won laurels in All Pakistan Inter-University Boxing Championship. Besides securing the overall second position, GCU student Sufyan was remunerated with Gold Medal. Arsalan Maqsood clinched Silver and Bronze medals. Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated Arsalan and Sufyan on winning medals in the HEC Boxing Championship.

HEC Rowing Contest

The Government College University Lahore has got second position in the All Pakistan Inter-University Rowing Championship organised by the Higher Education Commission. As many as 15 colleges marked their worthy presence in the championship. GCU students Adnan Tassadaq and Munir Ali secured Gold Medals in the championship. The Vice Chancellor appreciated efforts of his team.

Handball Championship

The Government College University Lahore was the second runner-up in the Handball Championship 2012 organized by the Higher Education Commission. As many as 15 universities participated in the championship. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and Director Sports Khadim Ali Khan said that their sportsmen would work harder next year to win the top slot.

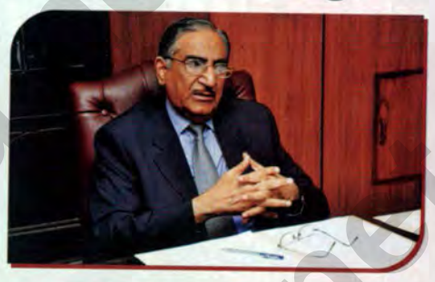
GCU Sports Board honours its best 76 sportsmen

The Government College University Lahore Sports Board honoured its 76 best sportsmen with shields, cash prizes and titles like 'Iron Man', 'Mr Super Fit', 'Man of Mountains', 'Mr Muscular', 'Cheeta' and 'The Wall' for their outstanding performances in national and international competitions during the sports calendar. The GCU Sports Board organised a special ceremony to acknowledge the talent of these sportsmen. Prof Dr Ikramul Haq was the chief guest at the ceremony attended by a large number of Old Ravians sports legends including former test cricketer Shafqat Rana, Pakistan Hockey Team coach Kh. Junaid and presidents of various sports associations.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Ikram-ul-Haq said that sports were considered an integral part of physical fitness and mental training. These activities have a profound effect on the physical fitness and mental health of the students, which has ultimately enhanced their capabilities and efficiency. He also prayed for the bright future of these students.

Dr Samar Mubarik chairs ORU annual meeting

VC OFFICE: National hero and Old Ravians Union outgoing President Dr Samar Mubarikmand meets Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman after presiding the annual meeting of the union.



The elections of Old Ravians Union (ORU) will be held this year to elect the new president and other members of its Executive Committee. It was decided at the annual meeting of ORU executive committee chaired by eminent nuclear scientist, national hero and ORU outgoing President Dr Samar Mubarikmand at GC University Lahore. ORU Honorary Secretary Dr Khalid Manzoor and youngest member of ORU Executive Committee Taha Sadaqat were also present. The union executive committee also met with Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman who assured them his all-out support and maximum facilities from GCU to hold the union elections. The union also formed an election committee comprising District and Sessions Judge Tahir Pervaiz and Advocate Supreme Court Javiad Altaf to ensure free and fair elections. The union executive committee also approved the annual audit report of the union. ORU honorary secretary Dr Khalid Manzoor Butt said ORU elections was one of the biggest festival of the Old Ravians, adding GCU alumni come from all over the country to cast their vote at the elections.

PUNJAB ASSEMBLY: A delegation of pre-partition alumni from India and members of executive committee of Old Ravians Union pose for a photo with Speaker Rana Muhammad Iqbal Khan during their visit to the assembly.

Book on Dr Anwar Nasim launched

The Young Journalists Society (YJS) hosted the launching ceremony of a book on the life and efforts of an eminent Old Ravian, renowned scientist and literary person Dr Anwar Nasim at the Bukhari Auditorium. GCU Dean Prof Dr Ikramul Haq presided over the launching ceremony of the book titled "Dr Anwar Nasim – A Versatile Human" which was also attended by eminent personalities from all over the country including Asghar Nadeem Syed and Prof Tabbasum Kashmiri. Mr Iqbal Qarshi, Dr Abid Azhar, Prof Dr Shamsi, Mr Javed Tufaili, Mr Kausar Malik Abdullah and Dr Muhammad Nawaz also addressed the book launch.

Participants of 95th National Management Course visit GCU

HEC be kept afloat: GCU VC

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) must be kept afloat for development of educational institutions and promotion of quality research in the country, said Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman while talking to a delegation of BS-20 officers participating in 95th National Management Course (NMC) at the National School of Public Policy (NSPP). The delegation, led by Ahmed Yar Khan, visited GCU to learn about its policy formulation, financial resources and future plans of the 148-year-old university.

Call to force UN for law against blasphemy

The students and teachers of GCU, while taking out a mass protest rally on the university campus against the anti-Islam movie, passed a resolution demanding the Muslim countries to pressurise the United Nations for adopting a legislation that prohibits blasphemy and proposes death sentences for a blasphemer Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman led the protest in which Old Ravians and heads of all academic departments also participated. About 2,000 slogan-shouting protesters carrying placards and banners took out the rally from varsity's masjid to the main gate and then special prayers were held in the Oval Ground for solidarity of Muslims and supremacy of Islam. Speaking to protesters, the vice chancellor condemned the film and demanded strong legal action against the film-maker. He urged the students to raise voice against the film at all forums, including social media and international competitions, in which they often participated. He, however, requested students to remain peaceful during protests and refrain from damaging the public or private property.

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جی سی یو مسجد میں ختم قرانِ پاک کی دعائیہ محفل

قرآنِ حکیم دنیا و آخرت میں کامیابی کا علم ہے، اللہ تعالیٰ ہمیں اسے صرف پڑھنے ہی نہیں، بلکہ اس کو سمجھ کر اس کے احکامات پر عمل پیرا ہونے کی توفیق عطا فرمائیں، ان دعائیہ خیالات کا اظہار وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد خلیق الرحمان نے 27 رمضان المبارک کو جی سی یو مسجد میں ختم قرانِ پاک کی مبارک محفل میں طلباء و اساتذہ سے خطاب میں کیا۔ انہوں نے دعا کی کہ اللہ تعالیٰ ہمیں ہمت دیں اور ہم جی سی یو کالا شاہ کاکو کیمپس میں ایک جامعہ مسجد قائم کریں اور اسے آباد بھی کریں۔ بعد ازاں انہوں نے پاک محفل کے شرکاء میں مٹھائی تقسیم کی۔ انہوں نے جی سی یو مسجد میں نمازِ تراویح کی امامت کرنے والے حافظِ قران طلباء کو عید کے تحائف بھی پیش کیے۔

Mehfil-e-Milad at GCU

A 'Mehfil-e-Milad' was held at the Government College University Lahore with religious zeal and fervour to pay homage to the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Pir Syed Kabir Ali Shah Aastana Aalia Chura Sharif and students attended the 'Mehfil-e-Milad' organised by the GCU Non-Gazetted Staff Association . Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof Khaleeq said that the whole life of Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) was guidance for the mankind. It was the first 'Mehfil-e-Milad' held at GCU.

Naatiya Mushaira

The Government College University Lahore Department of Arabic organised a *Naatiya Mushaira* at the Fazl-e-Hussain Reading Room. As many as 12 poets from various parts of the country including Prof. Shakir Hussain presented their *Kalam* at the *Naatiya Mushaira* chaired by Monthly Naat, a national magazine, Editor Rasheed Mahmood.

Patras-Faiz Seminar

The Urdu Department hosted a 'Patras-Faiz Seminar' to mark the death anniversary of author Prof Ahmed Shah Bokhari 'Patras' and to pay tribute to noted poet Faiz Ahmad Faiz. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq was the chief guest at the seminar attended by Faiz' grandson Ali Madeeh Hashmi, Faiz' daughter Muneeza Hashmi, Patras' son Haroon Bokhari, noted critic Dr Saadat Saeed and GCU Urdu Department Chairperson Dr Shafeeq Aajmi. Addressing the seminar Prof Khaleeq said "GCU is proud to be the alma mater of great poets and men of letters like Allama Iqbal, 'Patras' Bokhari and Faiz Ahmed Faiz and will keep their traditions alive. The literary works of these men are like lampposts which can guide us to peace and prosperity." The Vice Chancellor also highlighted the various aspects of 'Patras' and Faiz's personalities. Ali Madeeh Hashmi remembered that 'Patras' Bokhari, as an English Professor at GCU, was merciless on students who did not display originality of thought. Hashmi said Faiz and 'Patras', in addition to having a student-mentor relationship, also had a close personal friendship. Faiz always spoke reverently of his teacher, while Bokhari, in his typically irreverent style, once wrote to Faiz's wife Alys from London a few months before his death in 1958: "I would love to hear news of your household but also know that he (Faiz) will never write since he is an intoxicated poet ("shair-e-must")." Faiz' daughter Muneeza Hashmi, shared her childhood interactions with the legendary Patras Bokhari who used to visit his pupil regularly. Noted critic Dr Saadat Saeed and Dr Shafeeq Aajmi also paid tribute to 'Patras' and Faiz.

Prof Najmi remembered

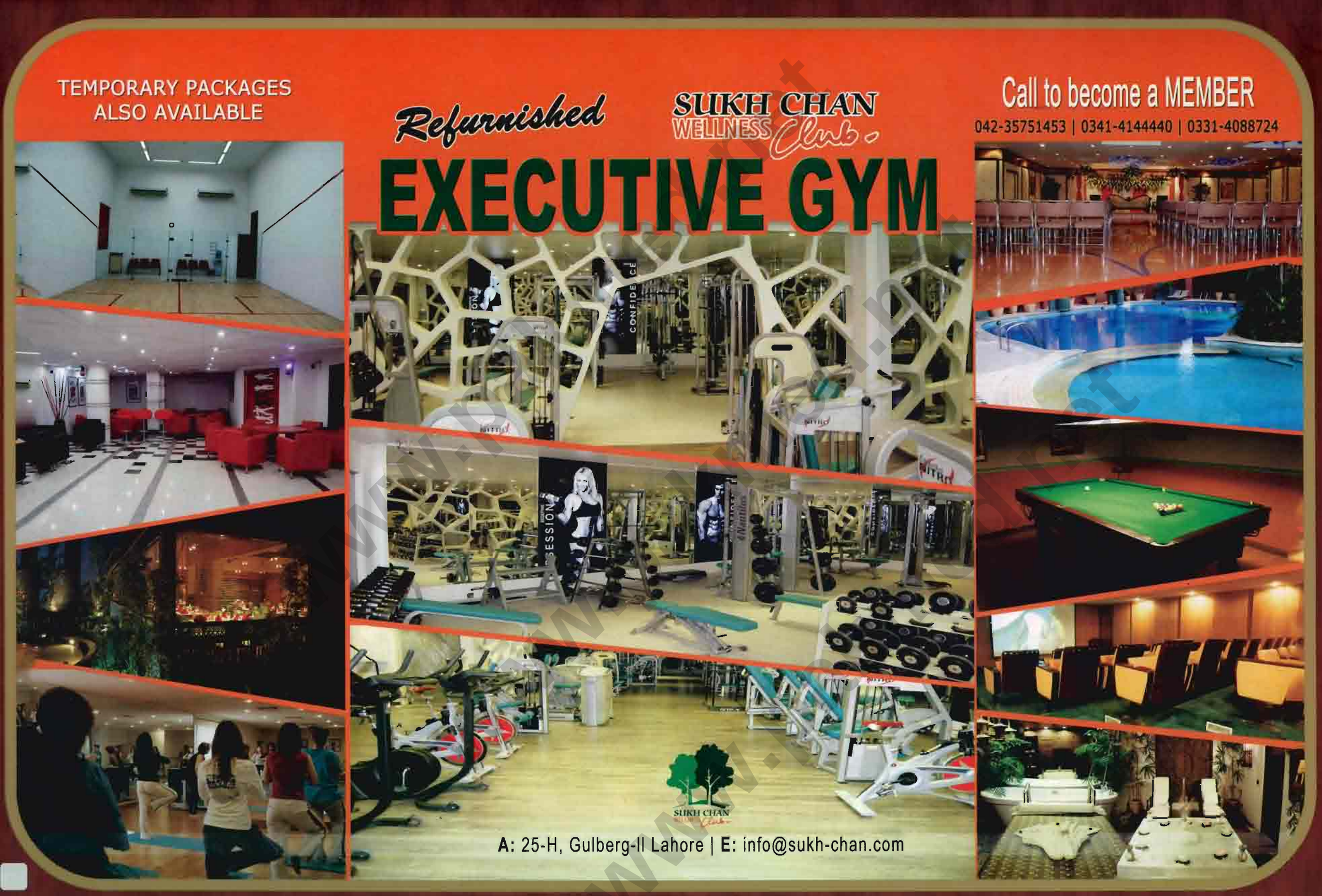
The Government College University Lahore Punjabi Majlis organised a condolence reference in the memory of the late Prof Abbas Najmi, a renowned writer, and paid tribute to his commendable services for the Government College Lahore. Prof Dr Khwaja M Zakaria chaired the reference while Chief Librarian Abdul Waheed, Chairman Urdu Department Dr Shafiq Ajami and son of the late Prof Abbas Najmi were also present. Dr Shafiq Ajami shed light on creative work of Prof Abbas. A large number of students of the late Prof Najmi attended the condolence reference.

Condolence Reference

The Philosophy Department organised a condolence reference in the memory of the late Prof Shahid Hussian, a renowned philosopher and prolific writer, and paid tribute to the commendable services that he rendered during his 40-year stay at the varsity. Prof Dr M Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the reference while noted analyst Dr Mehdi Hassan, philosopher Mirza Ather Baig, physicist Prof Dr M Zakria Butt, Dr Sajid and the wife and son of the late Prof Shahid Hussain were also present. Dr Mehdi Hassan said "Pakistan needs philosophers like Prof Shahid as we are living in ideological and philosophical vacuum."

Faiz paid tribute

The Nazir Ahmed Music Society (GCU NAMS) in collaboration with Majlis-e-Iqbal and Debating Society arranged an evening at the Bukhari Auditorium to pay a rich tribute to a distinguished Old Ravian and poet Faiz Ahmad Faiz in connection with his centennial birth anniversary celebrations. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman was the chief guest of the ceremony. Faiz' grandson, Dr Ali Madeeh Hashmi, was also present. Prof Dr Saadat Saeed, Dr Ali Madeeh Hashmi, Tariq Farani threw light on the literary, socialist and melodious aspects of Faiz' work. The Debating Society's public-speakers presented an oratorical rendition of Faiz' verses in the tradition of the legendary Zulfiqar Bokhari and Zia Moeud Deen to the audience. The promising amateur signers of Nazir Ahmed Music Society presented several heart rending Ghazals and Nazams of Faiz which were composed by GCU music maestro Tariq Farani.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Old Ravians beat VC XI by 50 runs

- *Education Minister inaugurates the festival match*
- *Barrister Aziz Nauman declared Man of the Match*

The Old Ravians XI this year beat the Vice Chancellor XI by 50 runs at the Annual Festival Cricket Match at the GCU Oval.

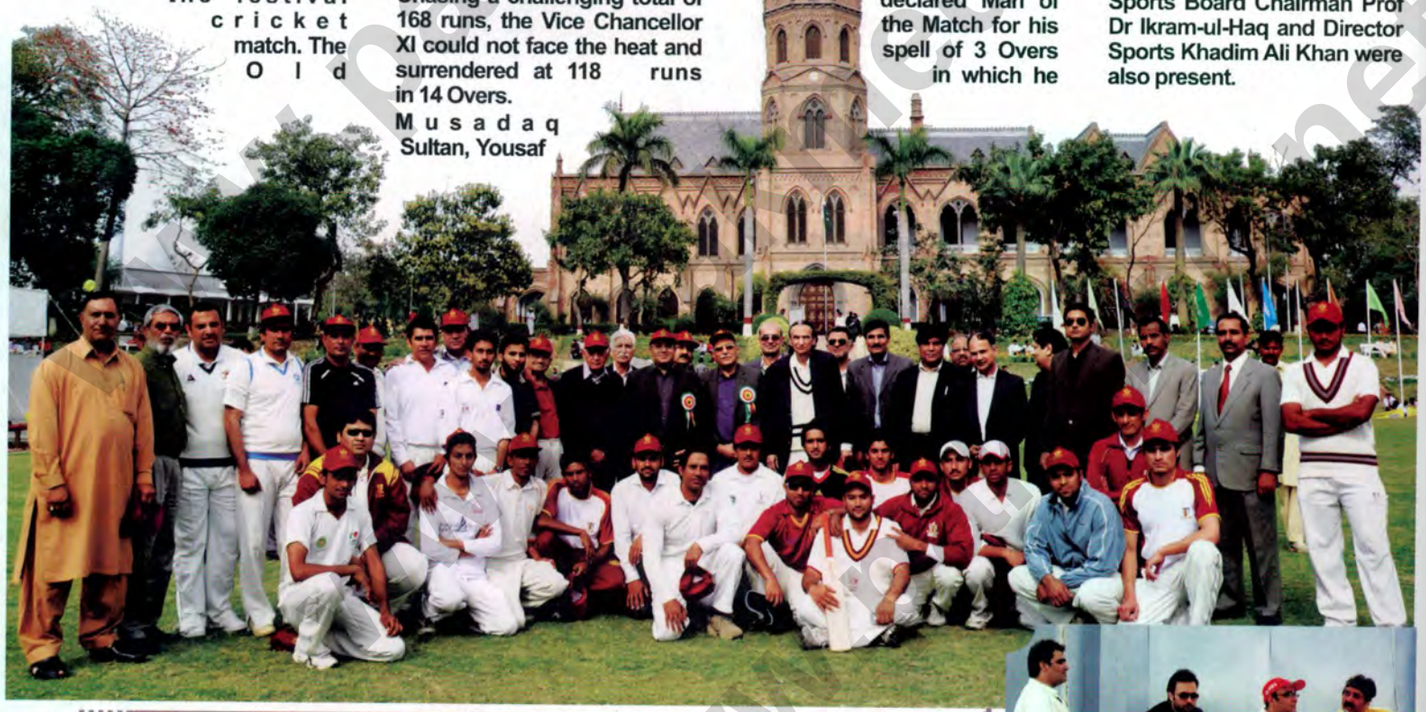
Punjab Education Minister and Old Ravian Mian Mujtaba Shujaur Rahman inaugurated the festival cricket match. The Old Ravians XI scored 168 runs in 15 overs under the captaincy of former text cricketer Mansoor Rana.

Batting maestro, Mansoor Rana, Mateen Akmal and noted Geo TV anchor Aftab Iqbal scored some quick runs. Chasing a challenging total of 168 runs, the Vice Chancellor XI could not face the heat and surrendered at 118 runs in 14 Overs.

Musadaq Sultan, Yousaf Bashir and Khadim Ali Khan showed some resistance and played fine innings.

Old Ravian Barrister Aziz Nauman was declared Man of the Match for his spell of 3 Overs in which he garbed five wickets for just 15 runs, a great performace.

Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman congratulated the Old Ravians on wining the annual festival match for the consecutive third year. GCU Sports Board Chairman Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq and Director Sports Khadim Ali Khan were also present.



Bio-tech wins GCU Annual Girls Cricket Festival

Annual Fine Arts Exhibition

Education of fine arts be made compulsory: Dr Ajaz

The education of fine arts should be made compulsory as it gives students motivational tools to unlock a deeper understanding of their education and of their life, said Old Ravian and noted painter Dr Ajaz Anwar while addressing the inauguration of the GCU Annual Fine Arts Exhibition at the university's Minhas Arts Gallery. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman was also present.

As many as 100 art pieces of GCU students were put on display at the exhibition organised by the Fine Arts Department. The exhibition housed paintings from calligraphic to abstract and watercolours to pencil drawings. The paintings of GCU Building also met with a loud applause by the art lovers. A large number of painted greeting cards and ladies' purses were also part of the exhibition besides ceramics and glass work. Talking to media, Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that the fine arts opened the minds of students in ways mere reading and writing could never be able to accomplish. Earlier, an art competition was held at the Government College University Fine Arts Department. A large number of students from various colleges of the City took part in the competition. Ayesha Sharif of Ayesha Degree College got the first prize.

Art unlocks human imagination: Vice Chancellor

Paintings highlight human frustration and limitations

A painting exhibition highlighting human frustration and limitations, commercial calligraphic art and old architecture was held at the Government College University Lahore Minhas Art Gallery. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman opened the exhibition that was featuring 22 masterpieces of amateur artists Fahad Mushtaq, Tayyaba Khursheed, Naima Kamal Awan and Amna Urooj who said their work was artistic but equally realistic. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the work of the artists, saying that art unlocked human imagination and enabled them to see life and the world differently. "Common thing about art and science is imagination and a sense of discovery," Prof Khaleeq said. He also discussed with artists history of oil painting and techniques used in it. Talking about her artwork, Tayyaba Khursheed said "whenever she listens to the word "bound" it generates feelings of irritation and limitation. We are superlative creature but in spite of that we are still bound due to restrictions and limitations, so I have tried to highlight the irritation which arises due to these limitations." Amna said "in my paintings, I have tried to define individual characters through texture. I create visual textures and place my objects into it."

"Qadam Barhao, Dengue Mukao"

Posters raise awareness among students against dengue

A five-day poster exhibition titled "Qadam Barhao, Dengue Mukao" was held at the GCU Minhas Art Gallery under the auspices of Punjab Council of Arts (PCA) with an aim to raise awareness among students and teachers about prevention against dengue. Dean Faculty of Science and Technology Prof Dr Ikram-ul-Haq (SI) inaugurated the exhibition that was featuring 37 selected posters by amateur artists of various educational institutions from all over the country including COMSATS Islamabad, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan and Faisalabad Institute of Fashion and Design.

Addressing the poster exhibition, Punjab Council of Arts Executive Director Syed Tahir Hamdani said "art compels us to focus and think."

He said that he was highly impressed by the creativity of students especially by the catchy posters' headlines like "Wanted Dead!", "if you spare him, he will not spare you", "Fight the Bite" and "If they breed, you will bleed". Speaking on the occasion, Prof Ikramul Haq laid a stress on indigenous research on biological control of dengue mosquito. He also appreciated the artwork of students, saying such exhibitions played vital role in raising awareness about prevention against the dengue virus.

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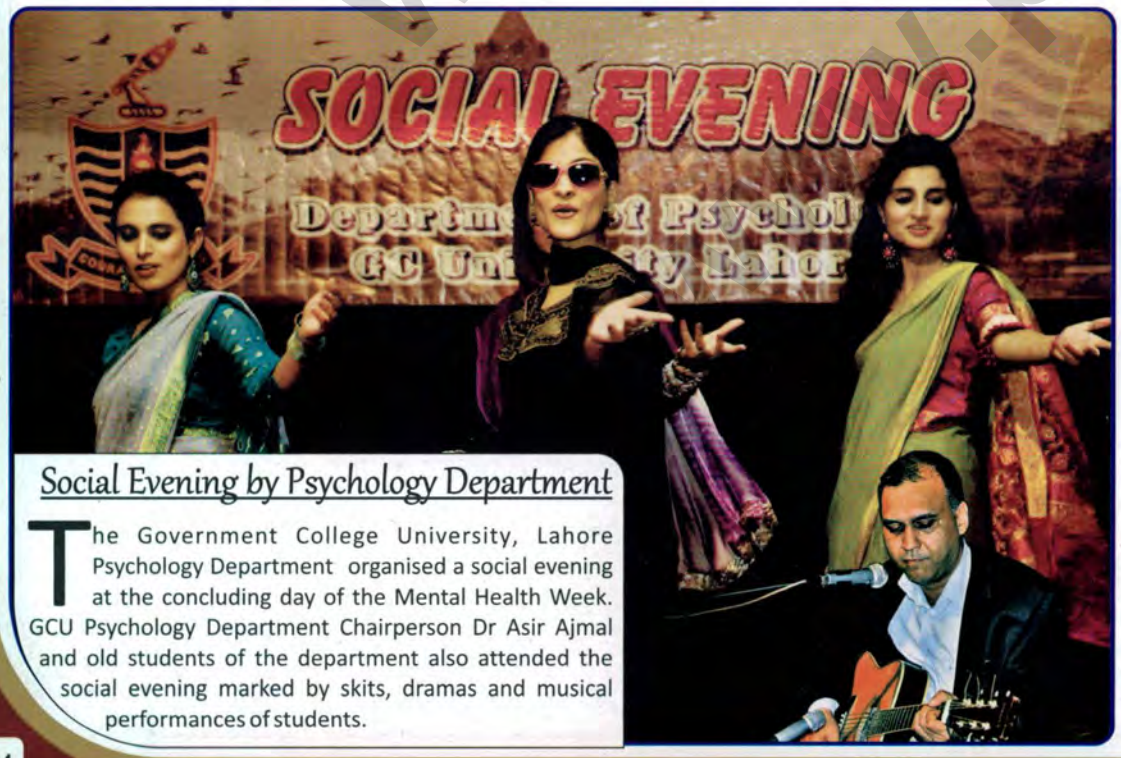
Art contests highlight human psycology

The Government College University, Lahore Psychology Department has celebrated the Mental Health Week 2012 to highlight the latest trends and researches in the field of developmental and human psychology. GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman inaugurated the celebrations which began with a poster competition. Around 200 students from 13 educational institutions took part in the competition and put on display 181 posters which highlighted the miseries of people due to unemployment, load-shedding, poverty, gender-violence, injustice, illiteracy and religious prejudice and effect of these factors on people's mental health. The posters were inscribed with interesting and thought-provoking headlines such as 'The Infection Connection' 'Crossing Eternal Peace', 'Misspelled Morality' and' Tug-of-peace.' Speaking on the occasion, Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that the competition was aimed at mobilising students to find ways to help the nation in combating with negative social trends. He appreciated the artwork of the students, saying that the artistic expression was best way to create awareness among people. The celebrations for Mental Health Week also included Performing Arts Festival and Quiz Competition. Students from various universities staged plays, dramas, mimes and skits at the All Pakistan Performing Art Festival to highlight the various aspects of human psychology.



Social Evening by Psychology Department

The Government College University, Lahore Psychology Department organised a social evening at the concluding day of the Mental Health Week. GCU Psychology Department Chairperson Dr Asir Ajmal and old students of the department also attended the social evening marked by skits, dramas and musical performances of students.

GCU canteen named after Sir Dunnicliff

Government College University, Lahore Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman named the Postgraduate Canteen after Sir H B Dunnicliff who was a former principal of the Government College, Lahore. The Canteen was renamed on the recommendation of Old Ravian Prof Dr Shafqat Hussian Ch. In his letter to the VC, Dr Shafqat recommended that Dunnicliff from 1936 to 1939 gave considerable time and thought to the health of students and established first milk bar in the Chemistry Department and the sale of the milk bar was confined to milk products only.

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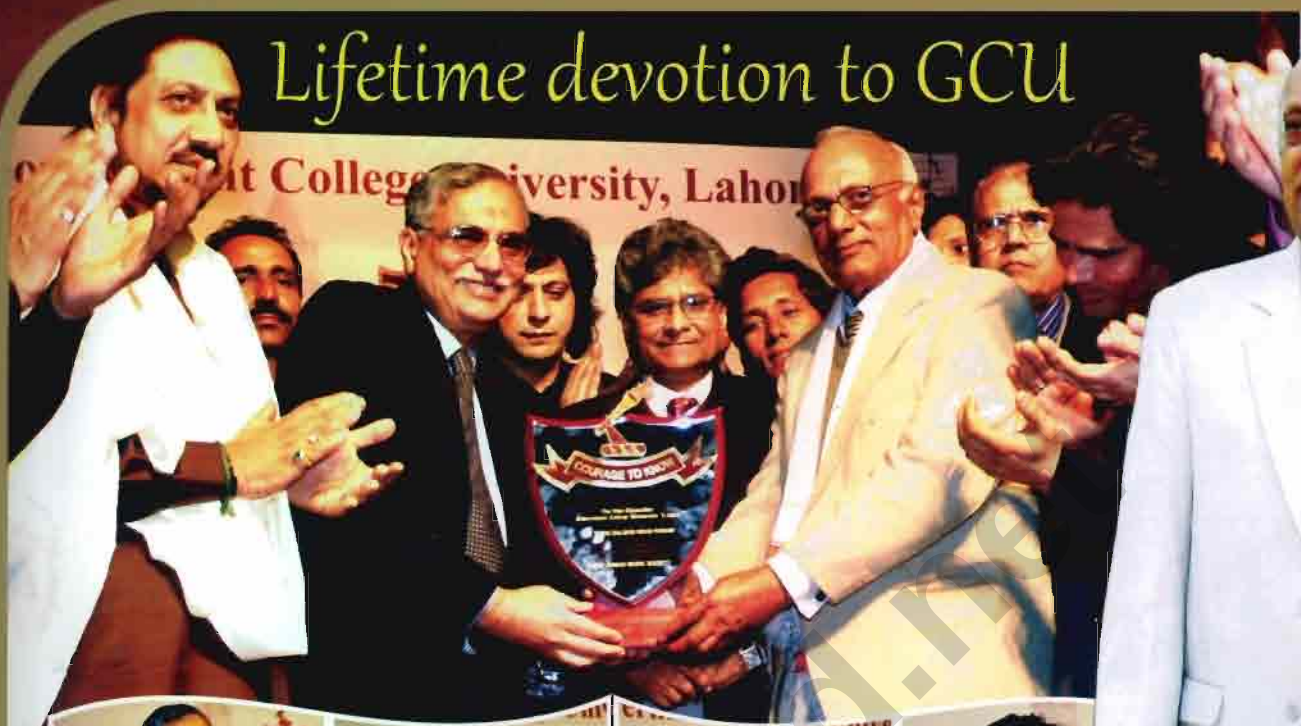
Lifetime devotion to GCU



The Government College University Lahore paid a glowing tribute to the music maestro, Mr Tariq Salman Khan Farani, for his 40 years invaluable services for the art, music and his alma mater, GCU. Renowned musicians and singers including Ustad Hamid Ali Khan, Ustad Shaukat Ali, Shafqat Amanat Ali, Jawad Ahamd, Musarrat Abbass, Zaheer Abbass, Imran Jafferi and Ghulam Ali addressed the ceremony organised in the honour of Mr Farani. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman awarded Mr Farani "GCU Award", "Certificate of Appreciation" and cash award of Rs 50,000, saying that Mr Farani had selflessly devoted his life to music and GC University Lahore. Speaking on the occasion, classical singer Ustad Hamid Ali Khan said that GCU Nazir Ahmad Music Society (GCU NAMS) was the biggest teaching centre of music and art in Pakistan as it produced galaxy of stars for Pakistan like Shafqat Amanat Ali, Ali Zafar, Waris Baig, Jawad Ahmad, adding that his two sons had been trained in music at GCU NAMS by Mr Farhani. Eminent Old Ravian Shafqat Amanat Ali declared the legendary Mr Farani as his mentor who showed the world renowned singers light and helped them to climb the ladder of stardom. "I will always be indebted to Farani sahib," Shafqat said. He also shared few light moments that he spent with Mr Tariq Farani and cherished the time he spent in music society especially the dinners he had late night in GCU. Mr Farani inculcated the moral ethics, values and real sense of Ravians' spirit in his students and it's been a privilege to be part of NAMS as Farani sahib guided his students in every sphere of life, he added. Noted Old Ravian Jawad Ahmad proclaimed Mr Farani as the craftsman who crafted and shaped up various lives and turned ordinary individuals into diamonds. He said that he had performed first time ever live in GCU NAMS.

NAMS jamming session with American jazz band

Ari Roland Jazz Quartet, an American jazz band ,comprises of Ari Roland on cello, Chris Byars on tenor saxophone, Zaid Nasser on alto saxophone and Keith Balla on drums. The band last year visited GCU for a jamming session. The members of NAMS performed eastern music on harmonium, tabla, dholak and flute. The singers of NAMS also performed different genres of vocal singing like classical, semi classical, ghazal and folk. Later, the members of Ari Roland Jazz Quartet performed Jazz tunes and told GCU students about the history of Jazz Music. Then both GCU NAMS and Jazz Quartet performed a jamming session on a same scale. The same scale was set of a composition on Mystic Poetry of *Kalam*

BUKHARI AUDITORIUM: Chief Justice(r) Khwaja Sharif and Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman presents trophy to the winners of 5th All Punjab Quiz Competition.

Ravians are born to lead: Justice(r) Khwaja Sharif

Ravians are born to lead the nation. It is here in the portals of the Government College University, Lahore where profound individuals acquire the true essence of leadership, fair play and tolerance, said former chief justice Lahore High Court, Justice (r) Khwaja Muhammad Sharif while addressing the final round of 5th GCU All Punjab Inter-University Quiz Competition 2012 held under the aegis of GCU Ravians Quiz Society (RQS). Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman chaired the final round won by Agriculture University Faisalabad while University of Engineering and Technology remained runners up. Punjab University Law College and Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad secured third and fourth positions respectively. Addressing the students, Justice (r) Khwaja Muhammad Sharif shared his memories associated with the Government College Lahore and also expressed the unique feeling of being a Ravian. He said that Ravians would guide the nation out of the present era crises. The former Chief Justice also congratulated the winners and conveyed his warm regards to the participants of other universities. Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman while speaking at the occasion congratulated the top four teams on their accomplishment to secure their place in the final round after a tough competition with rest of the 17 teams of All Punjab Quiz Competition 2012.

"Jo Kurwa Raya Aay, America Kurwa Raya Aay"

Debating Society hosts Punjabi Takra

The Government College University Lahore Debating Society hosted the All Pakistan Safdar Mir Punjabi Takra 2012. As many as 39 educational institutions from all over Pakistan took part in the competition and debated on the motion "The onus of all our ills is on America" (Jo Kurwa Raya Aay, America Kurwa Raya Aay). The motion in the end was rejected by the House, while Punjab University Law College orator, Muhammad Aisam, secured the first position for opposing the motion.

M.A.O College debater Muhammad Sameer secured the second position while Hailey College of Commerce student Abdul Raheem declared third.

Vice Chancellor Prof Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman felicitated the orators who have won the competition.

Ravians plant 2,000 saplings

The Government College University Lahore Botany Department students and faculty members this year planted 2,000 saplings at the GCU Lower Mall and Kala Shah Kaku campuses as a part of tree plantation campaign initiated by the Punjab Forestry Department across the province. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and Punjab Director General Protocol Asjad Ghani Tahir inaugurated the plantation campaign.

Debating Society honours Mohib Raza

The GC University Lahore Debating Society organised ceremony in the honour of the late Mohib Raza; one of its promising debater who passed away in an unfortunate incident during a domestic visit to a tourist resort in northern areas. A large number of Old Ravians, GCU faculty members and orators from various other universities attended the ceremony. Mohib Raza won more than 30 prestigious oratory awards during his three-year stint at GCU.Later, the "Quran Khwani" was held for the departed soul of Mohib Raza.

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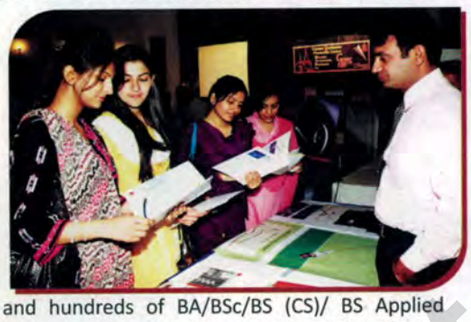
GCU CG & PC holds "Career Fair 2012"

The Government College University, Lahore Career Guidance and Placement Centre (CG& PC), by the virtue of its aims and objectives to explore the placement opportunities for GCU graduates, organised "Career Fair 2012" in GCU Bukhari Auditorium. The career fair brought together representatives of more than 50 companies including multi-nationals that offered full-time, part time jobs and elevated internship opportunities to the fresh graduates of as many as 26 disciplines.



The Career Fair is an annual feature of CGPC and hundreds of BA/BSc/BS (CS)/ BS Applied Management/MBA, MSc, MS & M.phil graduates have found prospective employer courtesy this distinctive initiative.

HEC Pink Ribbon Campaign's launch at GCU

Sound the alarm - Breast Cancer is reported to be rapidly increasing in young girls in Pakistan and now one of every nine women in the country is at the risk of this disease, said experts and researchers at the launch of HEC Pink Ribbon Campaign at the GC University, Lahore. GCU Dean Prof Dr Khalid Pervaiz and HEC Regional Director Raza Chohan chaired the opening ceremony of the breast cancer awareness campaign that is being launched in 19 universities of Lahore by HEC in collaboration with the PAEC Cancer Hospitals, GCU QEC and Pink Ribbon Pakistan. The objective of the campaign is to create widespread awareness

about breast cancer and its high incidence, severity leading to fatality, impact on the life of sufferer and family and also spreading the good news that if detected, the cancer can be cured.

108 Ravians trained in natural conservation

The Eco-Internship Progarmme was concluded at the Government College University Lahore which imparted training to as many as 108 Ravians about the conservation of eco-system and Pakistan's natural resources and environmental challenges. The Eco-Internship programme was initiated by WWF Pakistan in collaboration GCU Career Guidance and Placement Centre (CGPC). GCU Registrar Syed Anjum Nisar chaired the Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Eco-Internship Progarmme while WWF Pakistan Director Operations Anwar Naseem was the chief

guest. Speaking on the occasion, Anjum Nisar said that the academic refinement of the students could not be achieved without offering them adequate exposure to the harsh realities of everyday life.

GCU students to 'Teach for Pakistan'

The students of the Government College University (GCU), Lahore, with international organisation 'Teach for Pakistan' will teach public schools' students improving their communication skills and knowledge besides developing their personality confidence. This was stated by GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khaleeq-ur-Rahman at a meeting of GCU BS (Honours) final-year students. Prof Khaleeq said the varsity's 'Career Guidance and Placement Centre' would sign an agreement with 'Teach for Pakistan' to assign teaching assignments to the best of GCU

volunteers at different under-resourced schools. He said volunteer teachers would coach, educate and motivate public schools' students through modern teaching methodologies.

Arfa's stamps receives warm response

The commemorative postage stamp, issued for Arfa Karim Randhawa, received a very warm response from the students of GCU who came in hordes at a special ticket-stall set up GCU Seniors Club in the university to pay homage to the world's youngest Microsoft Certified Professional. GCU Dean Prof Dr Ikramul Haq inaugurated the stall by purchasing the first commemorative postage stamp of Arfa Karim while Students' AdvisorYousaf Bashir and hundreds of students were also present on the occasion. Prof Ikram said the late Arfa Karim was the epitome of hope for the millions of

talented young boys and girls of Pakistan who were yearning to vent out their latent talent in a world that is always hostile and unaccommodating towards to them.

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Culture Day: Oval wears festive look

The Oval Ground at the Government College University, Lahore (GCU) wore a festive look as its Dr Ajmal Psychological Society organised Culture Day to increase social and cultural integration among students. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman inaugurated the festivity, which was marked by a large number of full-day activities including Mehndi, nail and face painting, drawing, competition and food stalls. Many students in traditional Sindhi, Punjabi and Balochi dresses took part in the festival. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor said this 148-year old educational institution was a unique seat of higher learning where students hailing from divergent ethnic, sectarian and cultural backgrounds have always studied together in most congenial atmosphere in order to be groomed as the finest individuals known for their spirit of inquiry, tolerance and an enviable sense of sacrifice.

Nature carnival calls for energy conservation

The Government College University, Lahore Horticultural Society organised a nature carnival with the event's theme being 'Save Energy, Save Future'. The event's chief aim was to raise awareness among students about the significance of energy conservation. As many as 14 educational institutions took part in the carnival that featured several activities and competitions, including face-painting, mehndi, model exhibition and flower arrangements. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleequr Rahman was the chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony of the event. "The world had enough to satisfy every man's need but not every man's greed," the VC said while addressing the students. He appreciated the art models prepared by students on topics including "Go Green or the Earth Will Scream', 'Better Save than Sorry' and 'Save Earth'. He said that massive felling of trees in the past had endangered the country's biodiversity. He further said that mass plantation of trees was the best way to reduce pollution from the environment.

GCU Oval wears Punjabi look

The Government College University Lahore Oval Ground and its Ravians wore traditional Punjabi look as GCU Punjabi Majlis and Philosophy Department organised the Punjab Spring Festival to celebrate the colours of spring and promote social and cultural integration among students. Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Prof Dr Khalid Pervaiz inaugurated the two-day festival which was marked by traditional food stall, live music performances, cultural dance and horse dance with 'dhol'. However, the traditional dance performances by groups of Balochi and Pathan students remained the most enthralling events of the festival. The venue was decorated in a traditional village style with Hukka, Charkha , pitchers etc. The students also arranged a special *Bhagai* (traditional horse cart) to drop visitors to the festival venue. The student delegations of various departments attired traditionally visited the festival. Prof Pervaiz said that the western culture was rapidly promoting in Pakistan because youth were not being provided such opportunities to understand and adopt their culture. He laid a stress on promoting and keeping alive Pakistan's core values and strong cultural heritage. He also said that these events gave students a chance to enjoy as in semester system; they remained extensively busy in their academic activities.

The festival chief organiser, Yasir Sultan, said that the festival was devoted to culturally educate youth and motivate them to preserve and promote Pakistan's culture. He said that they would continue to organise such cultural festivals to promote love, tolerance and harmony.

Zoology Department Dinner

Psychology Department Annual Dinner

Quaid-e-Azam Hostel Annual Dinner

Ceremony at Computer Science Department

Chemistry Department Dinner

Dell's stall at GCU

Dinner in honour of Prof Hamid Y. Dar

Winners of competition organised by CSD

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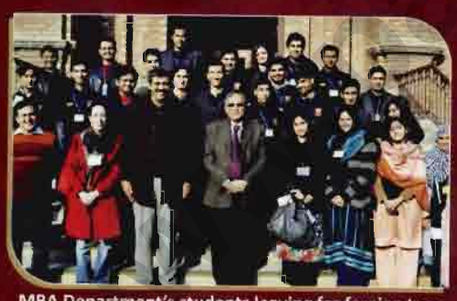

MBA Department's students leaving for foreign tour

Environment Protection Society Annual Dinner

Garret History Society Dinner

Botany Department's Plantation Drive at KSK Campus

Mental Health Week: Certificates Awarding Ceremony

Political Science Department's Alumni Dinner

Visit of delegation from Khana-e-Farhang, Iran

Seminar at Physics Department

TTS meeting

Majlis-e-Iqbal Dinner

Vice Chancellor's visit to Institute of Biotechnology

Plantation drive by Rotary Club at GCU KSK Campus

Bilingual Speech Contest

"Women deserve justice, not equality"

Women from sixteen universities of Punjab, celebrating their international day at the Government College University Lahore, have contended that they deserve justice not equality with men as they are far superior to them in intellect, commitment, integrity and emotional stability and their contribution to social evolution as mothers, sisters, wives and daughters bears no parallel with that of their counterparts. They argued out that at the finals of the three-day long Bilingual Speech Contest, organised by the Punjab government in collaboration with the GCU Debating Society, to celebrate the International Women's Day. Zakia Shahnawaz, the Advisor to Punjab Chief Minister, chaired the final round, while GC University Lahore Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran and heads of various educational institutions attended the bilingual debates. Addressing the debates, VC Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that the best of empowering women was to provide them more and more opportunities of quality education. Later, the Vice Chancellor gave away cash prizes of Rs 0.1 million to the winner of the debates. Sidra Latif of King Edward Medical University was adjudicated the Best English Speaker, while Raqa Tariq of Punjab University won the Urdu Debates.

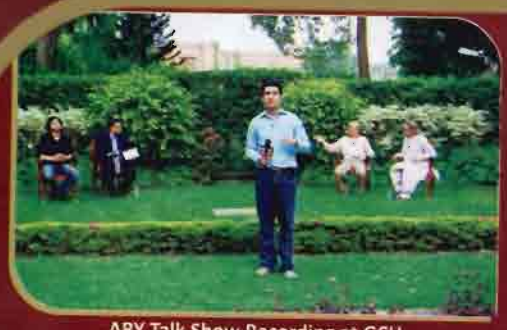
Paintings highlight beauty of Lahore

A 21-day painting exhibition highlighting beauty of Pakistan was held at the Government College University Lahore Minhas Art Gallery. Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Izaz-i-Kamal inaugurated the exhibition featuring 28 masterpieces of landscapes by noted artist Nazir Ahmad.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman appreciated the work of the artist, saying that paintings unlocked human imagination and enabled them to see life and the world differently.

He said such exhibitions could play a vital role in promoting art-related activities among the students of GCU.

He also discussed with the artist history of oil painting and techniques used in it. Nazir Ahmed said that landscape painting was his major area of interest and had given him recognition with awards at the start of his painting career and encouraged his skills. He said he had worked on static subjects including historical landmarks by capturing the scenery of Kashmiri Gate, Delhi Gate, Sheranwala and Jehangir's Tomb.


ARY Talk Show Recording at GCU

Lecture organised by Political Science Department

New Motorcycle Stand Inauguration

Seminar titled "Say No to Drugs"

Inter-departmental Quiz Contest

Iftar Dinner by Psychology Department

KC students visit GCU for "Photo Walk'

Motivational Lecture by Pakistan Navy

MBA Department Dinner

Lunch: The Scientific Ravi

Lecture: Prof Dr Zaheer Ahmed Siddique

History Department: Lecture by Raja Anwar

Meeting with Microsoft officials

Lecture by eminent Old Ravian Kamran Lashari

Lecture by Justice(r) Munir Ahmed Mughal

NGSA Ceremony

Seminar organised by English Literary Circle

Seminar organised by Clinical Psychology Department

Workshop on Crystallography

Workshop at CASP

ASA Punjab Meeting at GCU

Pakistan Student Congress

The Government College University, Lahore hosted one the biggest Pakistan Student Congress. Vice Chancellor Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and LUMS Vice Provost Dr Shafay Shumayl chaired the closing and opening ceremonies of the four-day congress that was organised by IEEE Pakistan in collaboration with GCU Computer Sciences Department. Students from 40 educational institutions including LUMS, UET, NUST Islamabad, Military College of Signals, PNEC Karachi and Karachi Institute of Engineering and Technology took part in the Congress that was spread over 31 sessions which included competitions, seminars, talks and social integration activities. The Congress began with a lecture of Google Pakistan Head Badur Khusnood. The Leadership Training Workshop was also part of the congress. The most appreciated event of the Congress was "Campus Conversation – a career counselling session," which was conducted by top management officials of various universities.

TECH & ART FEST' 12

The Government College University, Lahore organised the week-long All Pakistan Technology and Art Festival 2012 that was endeavoured to provide a platform to students from across Pakistan to exhibit their innovative ideas, share knowledge and reveal their creativity. As many as 533 students from 42 educational institutions participated in the eighteen competitions and two workshops of the festival organised by GCU Media Watch Society (MWS) and Association for Computing Machinery (GCU-ACM) under the patronage of Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman and Computer Sciences Department Director Dr Muhammad Saleem Khan. The most thrilling event of the festival was All Pakistan Speed Programming Competition that was won by Abdul Wahab and Agam Sufayan. The E-gamming was the most participated event of the Competition. Jawad and Munaza stood first in Project Exhibition. Muhammad Bilal Ibraheem, Munir Ahmad, Ruqia Riaz, Awais Ali Shiekh, Muneeba Ali and Rehan Butt secured top positions in the All Pakistan General Quiz, Sketching, Painting, Photography, Calligraphy and Short Movie competitions respectively.

Media Watch visits National Assembly

Urdu Department holds Punjabi Mushaira

The Urdu Department of Government College University, Lahore hosted one of the biggest *Punjabi Mushiara* in the history of universities of Pakistan. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman was the chief guest. Noted poets from all over the country attended the *Mushaira* and presented their *Kalam*. Besides, some university students also presented their humorous poetry and received applause from the audience. Speaking on the occasion, the VC said, "University is committed to provide an environment to students and faculty members where they can have their intellectual pursuits and this literary event will encourage our students and teaching staff to get guidance and support from poets whom they idealise and love to read."

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GEO TV famous show" Khabarnak" at GCU

A delegation of Mir Pur University students

Students celebrate Vice Chancellor's Best Physicist Award

VC monitors anti-mosquito fumigation

Iqbal Hostel Dinner

Eminent Old Ravian Waris Baig's performance at GCU

Mobile Traffic Licence Office at GCU

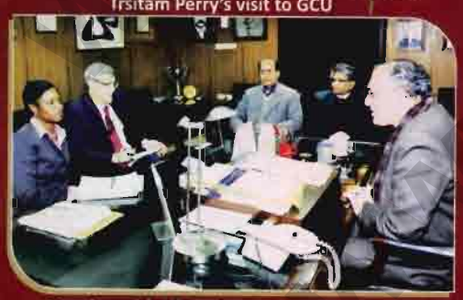
Laptops Distribution Ceremony for leftover students

Lecture on Traffic Rules

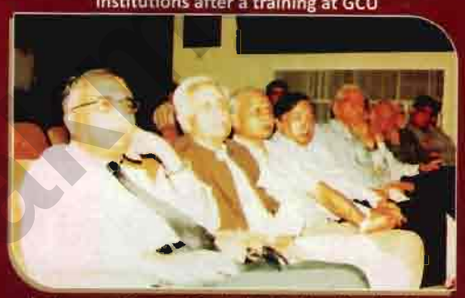
Ms. Ramiza Nizami and US Embassy Press Officer Trsitam Perry's visit to GCU

Vice Chancellor's training at GCU by British Council

Group Photo of heads of top educational institutions after a training at GCU


Meeting with US Embassy Islamabad Director Strategic Communications Thomas Miller

Dunya TV talk-show "Talash" at GCU


Lecture on Dengue Control in Bukhari Auditorium

Lecture by noted economist Maajid Nawaz

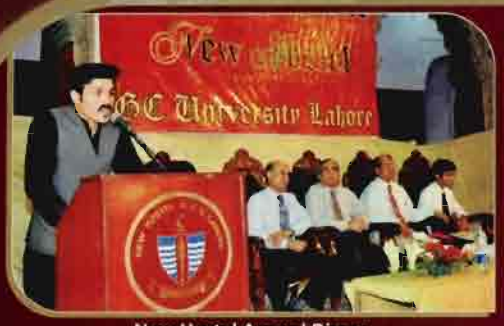
Jazz Talent Hunt

Tribute to Prof Mehbub-ul-Haq

Lecture by noted author Amna Yaqeen

Guests at Vice Chancellor's office

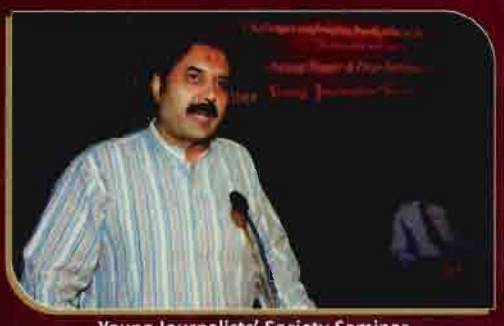
Certificate Distribution–Short Course in Fine Arts



New Hostel Annual Dinner

Statistics Department Annual Dinner

Clinical Psychology Alumni Dinner


Young Journalists' Society Seminar

Debating Society Dinner

GCU's posters to raise awareness about dengue fever

Lecture by Prof David A Westbrook, Floyd H and Hilda Hurst Faculty Scholar, USA

Girls' Hostel Annual Dinner

Electronics Department Annual Dinner

Lecture by Noted Environmentalist Faryal Gohar

Lecture by eminent author Nafisa Haji

Meeting with Turkish Educationists

Lecture by USAID

EPS on-campus cleanliness drive

Visit of British Council Delegation

Clinical Psychology Alumni Dinner

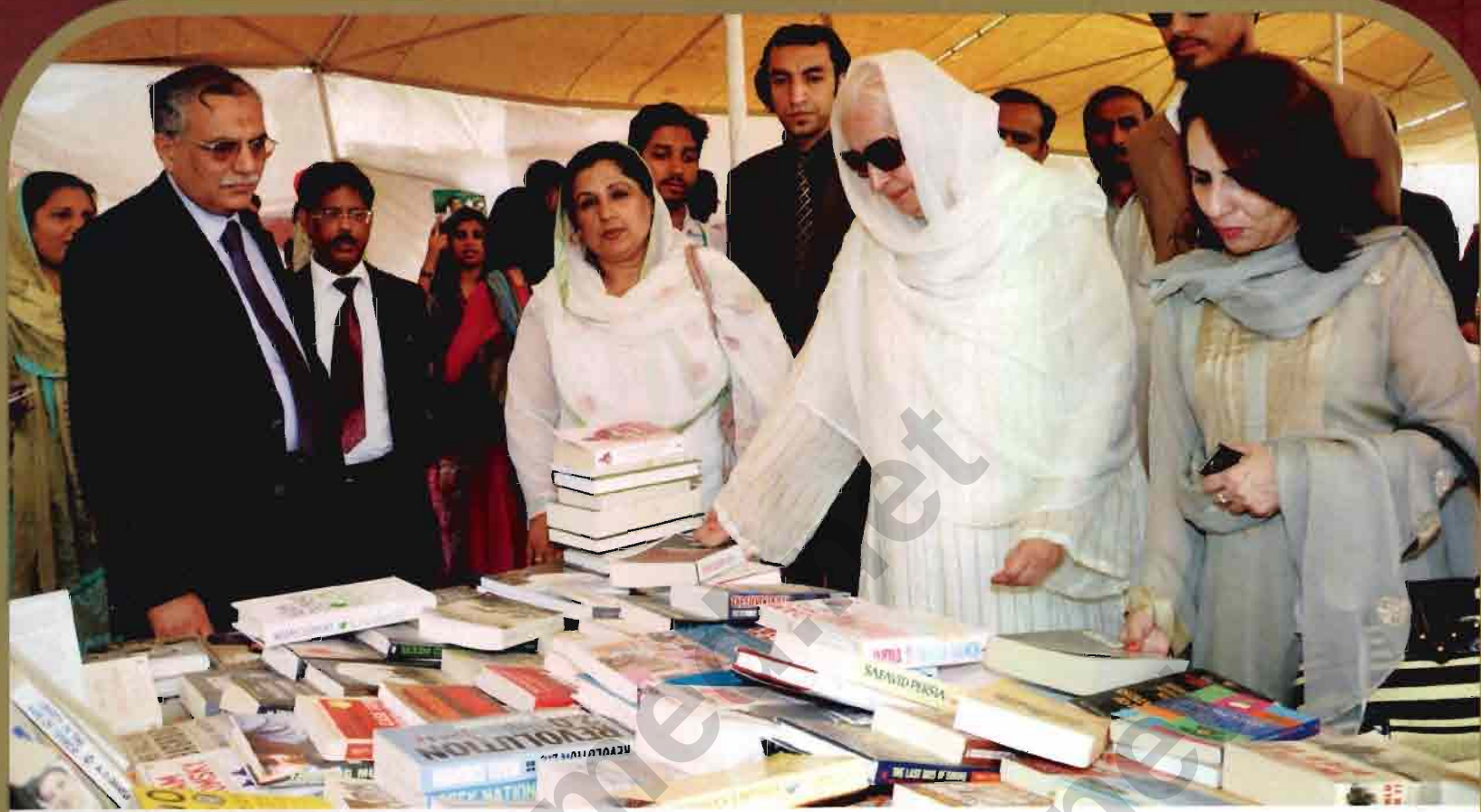
Welcome ceremony for students of B.Com (Hons)

Sustainable Development Idea Competition

Meeting with Bonn University Delegation

Basketball Match

Vice Chancellor's visit to GCU ASSMS



Library Society's Book Fair receives warm response

Students have retained their interest in books, even in the cyber age. It was proven at the three-day Book Fair, organised by the Library Society of Government University, Lahore. The Library Society's survey on the closing day of the book fair revealed that students purchased over 21,101 books from the book fair out of their meager pocket money. The book fair housed more than 250,000 books on various subjects. Vice Chancellor Prof (meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Izaz-i-Kamal, also purchased books on literature, physics and religion from the book fair, saying that reading and writing was a Muslim tradition. "Read is the first commandment of the Almighty Allah for Muslims in the Holy Quran," he added.

Vice Chancellor Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman said that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) had encouraged Muslims to leave their homes and proceed to destinations as far away as China to seek knowledge.

World Book Day celebrations

The Library Society of GC University, Lahore celebrated the World Book Day with an aim to promote the habit of book reading. The celebrations began in the morning from the Vice Chancellor's office where students pasted a badge of World Book Day on the shirt of Prof (Meritorious) Dr Muhammad Khaleeq-ur-Rahman, Izaz-i-Kamal. Chief Librarian Abdul Waheed was also present. Talking to the students, Vice Chancellor Prof Khaleeq-ur-Rahman lauded the selfless struggle of Library Society to flourish literacy for noble cause and desired that the same must be followed in rest of the institutes of the country.

The Library Society also pasted badge of the World Book Day on the shirts of all faculty members of GCU. A special ceremony was also held at the GCU Central Library where the Book Anthem was played.

Basic Writing Skills Workshop

The Government College University, Lahore Safdar Mir English Literary Circle organised a one-day workshop on Basic Writing Skills in the Bukhari Auditorium to address core issues faced by the students in the use of parts of speech in written discourse. Hundreds of undergraduate students attended the workshop conducted by GCU English Language Teacher Saima Jabeen, who involved students in various activities meant to improve and refine their writing skills. The importance of clarity, precision and accuracy in written communication was underscored. Society Advisor Saira Fatima Dogar said that initiatives of this nature help students to improve their communicative competence to attain greater confidence in presenting their arguments in academic writing.

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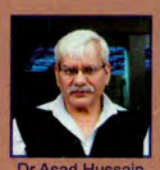

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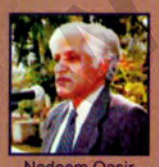

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